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Elevation Essential to Neck Access

By Mick Colageo

Mattapoisett Neck residents are eventually going to have to move up, so they don't have to move out.

Flooding, not only from coastal storms of historic magnitude but a science-based projection of rising tides under sunny skies, threatens access to the approximately 250 residents of the neck at increasing levels in this century, according to a study presented on March 24.

Mean Higher High Water (MHHW), otherwise known as sunny-day flooding, will by 2030 bring the expectation of 3.4 feet. This is not the result of a coastal storm. By 2050, 4.7 feet will be expected at high tide and, by 2070, 6.5 feet.

"By 2070, it might not be feasible to plan your way out of harm's way," said Woods Hole Group Inc. coastal scientist Adam Finkle, estimating up to 20 feet of depth of water in low-lying areas. While Mattapoisett Neck Road, he said, remains relatively resilient to sunny-day, sea-level rise past the year 2050, the road could see up to 3 feet of water during storm in the year 2070.

"What our data told us is that it's going to be really hard to plan in this location for the big one," said Finkle. "It's going to be really hard to have a dry road during a storm event."

In the second of three stakeholder meetings via Zoom, Fuss & O'Neill project manager Eileen Gunn led participants through a program involving presenters Dean Audet on water resiliency, and geo-scientists Finkle, Andrea Judge, and Joe Famely.

Made possible by a $74,981 reimbursable grant awarded last fall by Coastal Zone Management for the purpose of formulating a long-term answer to the flood risk along Mattapoisett Neck Road's north and south causeways and the land in between, the Mattapoisett Neck Road Flood Resilience Project will, with a 25-percent financing match from the town, arrive at a final design by June 30.

The Town of Marion is similarly addressing future flood concerns with a proposal to reinvent its Creek Road pumping station. Marion's plan would submerse a specially-designed pump to operate underwater, while a new control room would be constructed at an elevation that cannot be threatened.

Mattapoisett Neck Road is the only access to and from the peninsula for residents, and according to the study, the tipping point for catastrophic flooding there is projected sometime between 2050 and 2070.

A vulnerability assessment discussed the role of the culvert – there are two at the north end of the Mattapoisett Neck Road causeway and one at the southern end of the causeway at Molly's Cove – and shared conceptual designs asking for feedback while anticipating a public meeting on Tuesday, April 13. The timeline extends to a final stakeholders meeting in May, followed by public meetings.

Soon-to-retire Highway Surveyor Barry Denham pointed to the Molly's Cove culvert, saying it is filled with numerous sinkholes and expressed concern that

On the Cover: *Signs on a telephone poll alongside Mattapoisett Neck Road at the south end of the causeway at Molly's Cove indicate flood levels that have resulted from historic storms. Looking north, one can see the marsh area that has become, along with the road itself, a topic of concern resulting in a study meant to address long-term access to and from the neck. Photo by Mick Colageo*

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saltmarsh-area water trying to get back to the ocean might accelerate the culvert's deterioration.

Addressing the culverts in the area, Audet said the ponding water stressing out the marsh vegetation is not due to the culverts. "The water atop that surface can't get out to the culverts," he said, explaining that larger culverts would not help with high tide and might compound the stress eroding the creeks and exacerbate the ponding problem.

Mattapoisett resident Mike Huguenin, who is involved in the saltmarsh program with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program run by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, cited three rain events between December 7 and January 10, asking if the current situation is indicative of average tide.

"We watch the water velocity on these culverts, moving really fast and see scouring," said Huguenin, wondering if larger culverts that should reduce water velocity would add benefit.

Audet said that, when water levels in the Brandt Cove get above 2 or 3 feet, they will flood the marsh, regardless of the size of the culvert, and then drain out to Brandt Cove, as well as out of the culvert.

The statewide expansion on the Boston Harbor Flood Risk Model is based on the governor's executive order (No. 569) integrating climate change to assessments on flood risk. The state Department of Transportation uses the Massachusetts Coast Flood Risk Model as its standard for assessing coastal assets.

The model was presented with three sets of figures, one addressing sea-level rise (high tide levels over course of time), a second addressing coastal flood exceedance probability and its impact based on 6 inches of water disabling public vehicles and 18 inches disabling emergency vehicles, and the third looking at the probability of inundation and the point of elevation where water would reach.

Huguenin asked about "joint probabilities," identifying sea-level rise as well as storm conditions as climate change progresses and how the levels step up in time as a result. He was told that present surface

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elevations for a 100-year storm would be 10.7 feet of water.

Road-raising alternatives were discussed with four options, settling on a plan that will allow continued use of Mattapoisett Neck Road by vehicles.

"We can't fill in a wetland, so we're limited in how high we can raise the road," said Judge, adding that the Woods Hole Group is involved in nature-based solutions to provide a transition and embankment.

Resident David Behenna suggested measuring the traffic counts in both winter and summer months at a point south of Town Landing and before the northern-most culvert. He also asked if it would be possible to utilize the Old Mattapoisett Road right-of-way while the culvert is under construction.

Audet said that with precast sections, "This is a pretty quick installation," estimating a week for work on one side of Mattapoisett Neck Road, then a switch to the other side of the road. "You wouldn't want to have people walking through there. There might be a couple of weeks where you can't walk or ride your bike through there."

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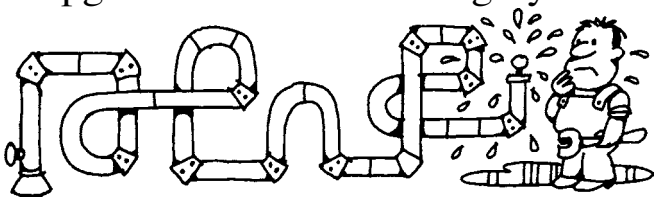

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A Hundred and Fifty Thank Yous

By Marilou Newell

They don't consider themselves exceptional or even special for what they have done. It wasn't really planned; instead just evolved out of circumstances surrounding the pandemic. But when a Mattapoisett couple found themselves able to help, they simply faced the need and made a difference.

We'll call them Mrs. BC and Mr. RC because they prefer to remain as anonymous as possible. They are a young couple with a small child living a quiet life in the suburbs, but they are also people whose entire lives and most likely all of their education and professional training has included the use of computers. So, it is no small wonder that, when it became necessary to use a computer to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments, the couple was ready, willing, and able to help their own immediate family. Before long, however, they would find themselves helping many more.

Mrs. BC is a member of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. The organization's membership includes many senior citizens. As the rush to try and secure a vaccine appointment became an Orwellian nightmare for the masses of Massachusetts residents ages 70 and older, MWC members were sharing their trials and tribulations trying to use a computer to schedule a vaccine appointment. Mrs. BC said she could help.

"At first, it was difficult," Mrs. BC began to explain. "The system made it difficult to find and schedule an appointment before it was taken." She said her husband has always been good on websites, especially when it comes to scoring tickets for professional sports or concerts. "He got us tickets for the World Series when the Red Sox were in it."

But when it came to scoring vaccine appointments for family and friends, Mr. RC needed to study the platforms, check blogs to see what other people were doing to get an appointment and use social media to learn the tricks being employed by others to reach and grab the

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"He found it was better to focus on one site, so he focused on Circuit City in Dartmouth (a Massachusetts state vaccination center). He was getting appointments in under nine seconds," Mrs. BC proclaimed. She explained her husband had found that the combination of tenacious refreshing of the platform and fast response to questions and filling in necessary personal details at lightning speeds worked.

"He found tricks to move through the website quickly," she said.

Mrs. BC said that at night, after putting their baby to sleep, they would stay up. Mr. RC worked on the computer, and she talked to people about their appointment or need to set one. "He had to be calm, the applications had to be perfect, or he'd have to start over again," she said. But Mr. RC's ability to remain at peace, not feel anxious, and be at complete ease with the computer and the platform paid off.

After getting appointments for their family and friends, word spread quickly, and soon Mrs. BC and Mr. RC were booking appointments for parents of friends, grandparents of friends, and on to acquaintances and their extended families. From February up to the launch of the state's pre-booking program, the couple assisted 150 people across the south coast in securing vaccine appointments.

Before everything was said and done, Mrs. BC and Mr. RC found themselves not only booking the appointments but teaching others how to manipulate the platform to gain access.

"Now, with the preregistration, those tricks can't be used," Mrs. BC explained. But also, the ease of obtaining a vaccine appointment has become greater for the average computer user.

"It's kind of a bummer, though," Mrs. BC said with a chuckle as she and her husband were ready to do battle with a computer system that held most of its secrets deep within its algorithms. "We'll have to preregister."

MWC member Carole Clifford, who knows the couple, said, "They took the anxiety away from people who weren't able to make appointments themselves. They

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One thinks Mrs. BC and Mr. RC may not fully appreciate the gift they have given so many. For them, it was a mere matter of using a tool that has been part of their lives since the beginning – a personal computer. But 150 people know what this couple has done and are grateful beyond words.

Colorful Oyster Catcher Faces Uncertain Future

By George B. Emmons

The colorful, eye-catching oyster catcher is a spectacular species of shorebird about as large as a crow, but whose black plumage is brightly contrasted with a long, red bill and, like many coastal creatures, equipped with a pair of long, yellow legs for wading in shallow shoals.

By now, the oyster catcher has already migrated to Buzzards Bay, reaching all the way from as far away as North Carolina for the spring nesting season. If you have come upon them in your coastal birdwatching travels, with their short wingbeats to quickly duck out of sight, they leave behind an unforgettable, lasting surprise-birding impression.

As illustrated in my drawing, along the peninsula toward Ned's Point Light House, the oyster catcher parents are teaching four of their youngsters how to open

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oysters. They have two methods of opening the shells. In one, if they find the mussel slightly open, they quickly jab their bill into the opening to cut the mussel and clean out the contents. In the other method, if that doesn't work, they simply hammer on the shell to break it open for all to enjoy.

As in many other avian developments of anatomy through the ages of evolution, each is essential and useful in its ability to successfully survive in a coastal habitat of an intertidal zone. This diverse acumen includes mussels, clams, oysters, marine worms, sand crabs, limpets, sea urchins, and jellyfish.

Two species of oyster catchers both survive in North America. The Eastern variety migrates in large numbers along the Atlantic seaboard, but the Western is more at risk to survive in numbers facing potential hybridization with the black South American population. James Audubon recognized both species but surmised that their specialization may have evolved from only one strain coming down from Greenland or Labrador. The future success for both may well depend on their coexistence with humans in saltmarshes and sand-dune areas.

Twenty years ago, the entire population numbered about 10,000 individuals. Now, with the mitigations of factors caused by global warming and a rise in sea level, nearly 30 researched publications have come forward by the formation of the American Oyster Catcher Working Group Organization. Their mission is to alert and wake up birdwatching environmentalists to the critical development that may lie ahead, which could

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Retirements Could Leverage Position Upgrades

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

On March 24, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen opened the Spring 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, which will remain open until April 5 at 4:00 pm. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 10; more details to follow.

After finalizing that piece of business, the board moved on to reports from Town Administrator Mike Lorenco concerning the FY22 budget.

Lorenco said that earlier school budget drafts had "come down." The current total for education stands at $14,125,553. He also stated that both the Police Department and Fire Department had cut their budget requests. The Police Department budget was cut by some $50,000 representing a cruiser, while the Fire Department cut $45,000 in its salary line.

Lorenco reported that, for municipal department heads, merit raises were proposed versus standardized annual raises.

Regarding the previously discussed retirement of Conservation Agent Liz Leidhold, Lorenco said the board still needed to determine if the position should be more fully-funded versus part-time. He said that the agent regularly has to work overtime to keep up with the vigorous pace that the position demands, and that overtime pay is allocated to the Building Department.

Lorenco also said that the position vacated by the retirement of Melody Pacheco needs to be upgraded and that he is working on a job description that would better suit the demands of an assistant or project manager to the town administrator.

On a bright note, Lorenco said that the town has been able to fund approximately $4 million of its $9 million in Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability. He noted that in recent years the town has elected to set aside up to $240,000 in free cash to the fund. He suggested that for FY22, that sum could be reduced to $150,000, giving leeway to redeploy the difference in another direction.

"We've reached a good match," said Lorenco. "Maybe we could move around the funds for something like a new fire truck."

Moving on to items listed on the Capital Planning spreadsheet, Lorenco said the total of all capital items is $327,000. He then began discussing roadway projects. Currently listed for this category is $250,000 on the Capital Plan.

In recent discussion with VHB, the project consulting firm handling design and engineering for the town's Village Streets Improvement Project, Lorenco said

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Improvements to Pearl Street were reviewed, with Lorenco indicating that the Water and Sewer Departments are ready but waiting for the green light as those engineering plans need completion. But the good news here, he stated, was that, due to savings realized by the Water and Sewer Departments on other projects, money is in-hand for that portion of the job.

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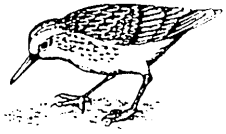

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The board and town administrator also discussed Phase 1 of renovation and improvements to the Highway Department Building. Lorenco said that this phase would encompass drainage, water, and other infrastructural needs, and that $300,000 was already available from a previously approved Town Meeting article.

Lorenco also said that he anticipates two petition articles for the warrant, one for the paving of Tinkham Lane. Anyone interested to having an article printed in the warrant is advised to contact the Town Clerk's Office.

The issue of high indirect costs assessed to the Transfer Station was raised by Selectman Jordan Collyer, who pondered, "Why are there indirect costs of $60,000 on a $90,000 operation with no full-time staff?" Lorenco said he would not wager a guess but would discuss it with the town account. Collyer said the operation has been receiving $50,000 in subsidy for several years to break even and wanted a clear line of sight in this matter. Lorenco said it was likely due to a portion of the Board of Health agent's salary being allocated to the department.

Selectman Paul Silva said he has the same concerns regarding the Waterfront Enterprise Fund. Lorenco said that, in part, that is due to the harbormaster's retirement obligations that the town is required to fund.

Lorenco rounded out his budget and Town Meeting warrant comments by adding that there will be two zoning bylaw articles. One article will address zoning updates to FEMA flood plain mapping, while the second is a new bylaw governing the construction of solar arrays. A public hearing will be held by the Planning Board to vet the bylaw changes on Monday, April 5, at 7:00 pm.

A dog and cat rabies clinic will be held on Sunday, April 18, between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon at the fire station. All cats must be crated, and all dogs leashed during the clinic. There is a $15 fee.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, at 6:30 pm.

Fincom Tackles Warrant Articles

Marion Finance Committee

By Jean Perry

The Marion Finance Committee started making its article recommendations for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on March 30, stopping near the halfway point to await a copy of the draft warrant for its next meeting.

Finance Director Judy Mooney started by presenting a couple of small deductions in the budget: The town's school budget is down by another $2,703, and the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School budget is down by $4,700, bringing the total Fiscal Year operating budget to $25,473,928, a 2.84 percent increase over FY21.

"That's the lowest we've seen in at least five years," said Mooney, "so it's a pretty balanced budget there."

The committee quickly moved into article recommendations, recommending all of them starting with Article 1, a zero increase to elected officials' salaries. Article

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2, the operating budget, was also quickly recommended.

The following articles were also recommended, some of them after a brief discussion: Article 3, the Water Enterprise budget of $2,463,476; Article 4, the Sewer Enterprise budget of $3,392,767, up 8.08 percent from FY21; and Article 5, $25,000 from Overlay Surplus to fund the Assessors' three-year revaluation of real and personal property.

The committee noted that this revaluation would likely affect Marion's Old Rochester Regional School District assessment with the rising property values. However, it probably will not be evident until the year after revaluations are complete.

Article 6 was recommended for $50,000 from free cash to fund the accrued benefits for retiring employees. Mooney described how this article differs from Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) by funding the sick-time, personal-time and vacation-time buyout of employees who announce their retirement, giving the town enough time to plan ahead. Mooney said she prefers to keep that funded at $75,000.

Article 7 was recommended for $50,000 from free cash to fund building maintenance of town facilities, accounting for smaller or maintenance-oriented projects like painting that do not qualify for consideration as capital-planning projects.

The committee voted to amend and then recommend Article 8 for $50,000 for fire hydrant replacements. The article originally had the entire amount appropriated from the Water Retained Earnings account, but Selectman John Waterman, present via Zoom, opposed using Water Enterprise money to fund a project that benefits not only water ratepayers but all residents in Marion.

Town Administrator Jay McGrail said he figured that, since there was more money in water retained earnings this year than in free cash, he would take from the water earnings.

"But it's a matter of principle," said Waterman. "It's not a water expense; it's a community safety expense. … We shouldn't be setting a precedent for paying for fire hydrants …"

As a result of further discussion, Fincom agreed that Article 7 would be funded by $25,000 in water retained earnings and $25,000 taken from Article 9.

Article 9 was for $50,000 in free cash to fund tax foreclosure/tax lien processes; it was reduced to $25,000.

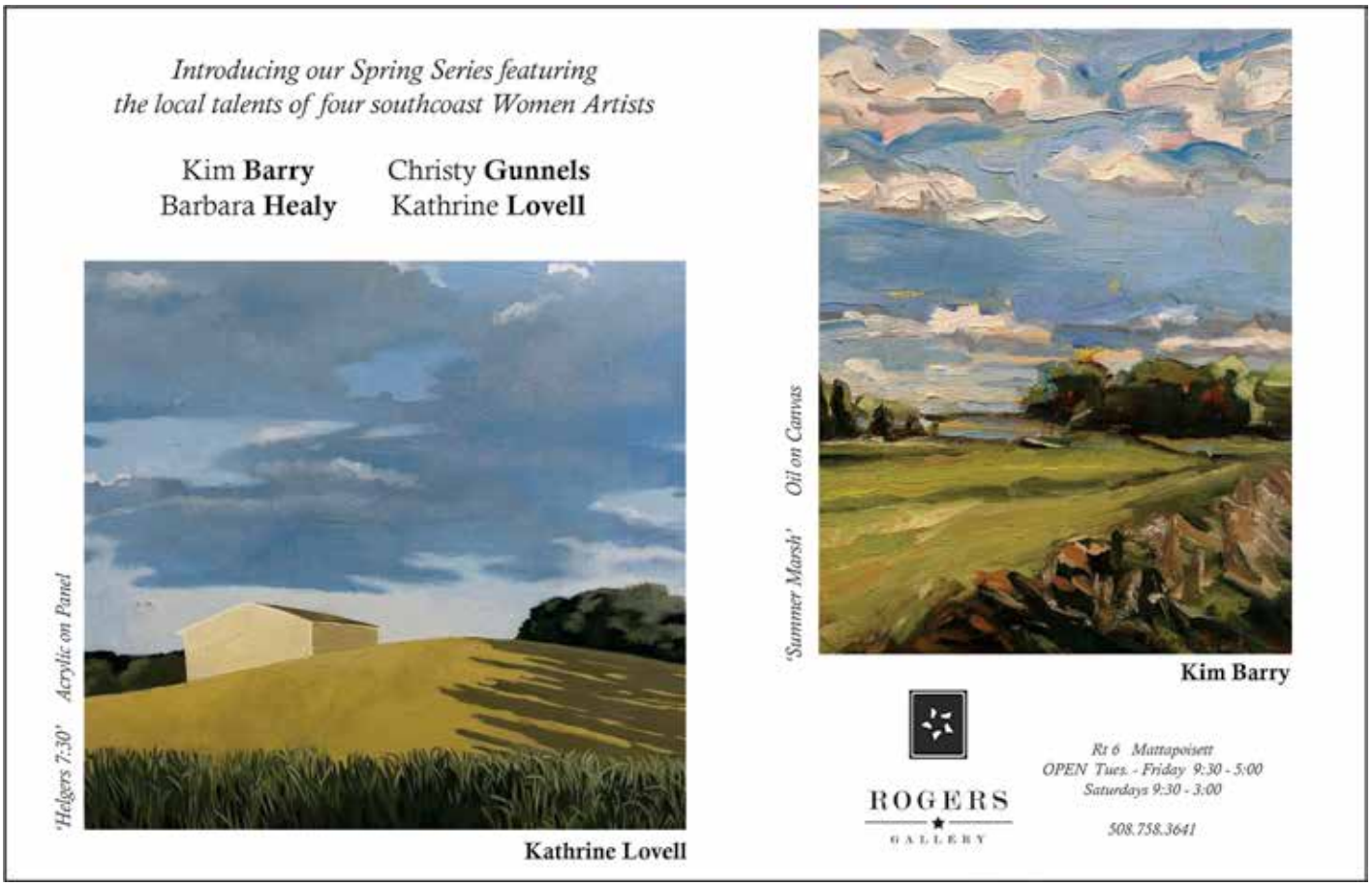
Article 10 was recommended for $115,900 from free cash to fund the Community Center and Fire Station 1 sewer improvement project.

Article 11 was recommended for $113,100 from Sewer Retained Earnings to fund the Hiller Road and Mill Street sewer improvement project; Article 12 for $190,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings to fund an inflow-and-infiltration (I/I) mitigation plan also received a swift recommendation.

Fincom also recommended: Article 13 for $24,000 in free cash for ballistic vests for the Police Department; Article 14 for $10,000 in free cash to fund the Fire Station 1 bathroom design and construction project; Article 15 for $70,000 in free cash to pay for two Department of Public Works truck replacements; and Article 16 for $123,500 in free cash to fund the re-siding of the Town House and purchase a generator.

All the exterior work slated for the Town House will be completed by the fall, McGrail said. Waterman credited McGrail for the accomplishment of having funded the entire exterior renovation of the Town House without having to borrow a dime.

Article 17 was recommended for $16,000 from the



Marine Waterways Account to buy a new outboard engine for the pump-out boat; Article 18 is for $81,000 in free cash to fund the Community Center storage addition.

McGrail said the original project was scaled down after two Recreation Department mowers were moved to the DPW. The project calls for a storage addition on the back of the building that will replace the dilapidated sheds on the property and will also upgrade the roofline for cohesiveness.

Fincom Chairman Peter Winters abstained from the otherwise unanimous vote, still unconvinced after a brief discussion that the project could not be scaled down further.

Article 19, the only school-related article on the warrant, was recommended for $36,000 from free cash to fund the resurfacing of the Sippican School playground.

The committee took its time discussing Article 20, the $2,475,000 of debt needed to, hopefully, complete the Wastewater Treatment Plant lagoon project.

Town officials are hopeful that the Town will only have to borrow about $725,000, as long as an anticipated $1,750,000 grant pans out. Nonetheless, as it stands now, if the article fails at Town Meeting, Marion will suffer the consequences with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency.

"This absolutely positively has to pass at Town Meeting or else we're in a world of trouble," McGrail said. He said he needs Fincom's help in advocating for the article at Town Meeting on May 10; otherwise, the project will remain incomplete. Furthermore, the town is up for its next NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit next year so, "This would be a problem," said Waterman.

"I know that this is a tough pill to swallow," McGrail told Fincom, "but this is one that we need you to swallow with us."

In total, the NPDES-mandated upgrades will eventually total $9,600,000 in borrowed money.

Waterman realizes that it is "frustrating" that the town has had to go before Fincom to report cost increases three times now. He lamented how the Buzzards Bay Coalition had pressured Marion through a civil lawsuit

to spend funds on wastewater plan upgrades instead of other areas that may have been more effective.

Article 21 was recommended for $100,949 in free cash to deposit into the OPEB Trust Fund. Marion's OPEB liabilities have increased by $2,000,000 from $9,000,000 to $11,000,000. Accounting for at least a part of the increase was the retirement of two relatively young police chiefs, beginning with Lincoln Miller at the start of 2018 and then John Garcia at the end of 2020. As Waterman pointed out, Chief Miller has still not reached the legal age for entering the Medicaid system.

Fincom skipped ahead to recommend three more articles before adjourning: Article 34 for $2,000 to be taken out of the Chester Vose Fund and used for the reduction of taxes; Article 35 for $150,000 from Recreation fees toward the Recreation Revolving Account; and Article 36 for $17,500 from Health Department fees to fund the Health Department Revolving Account.

The Marion Finance Committee meets again on Wednesday, March 31, at 7:00 pm to continue its Annual Town Meeting Warrant recommendations.

Village Streets a Costly Project

Mattapoisett Capital Planning and Finance committees

By Marilou Newell

As the clock ticks down to the May 10 Annual Town Meeting for Mattapoisett voters, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco and his finance team at Town

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Hall continue to prepare spreadsheets and supporting documents. These pieces of information then are shared with both Capital Planning and Finance Committee members, as those volunteers continue to ask questions, the answers of which will further the FY22 pencil-sharpening process.

But one line item that is hard to trim remains the cost of road improvements.

During March 24 and 25 meetings with FinCom and Capital Planning, Lorenco shared information on the village streets project, Pearl Street improvements, Industrial Drive reconstruction, and the possibility of borrowing.

The village streets project, Main, Water, and Beacon Streets, is still working towards a 25-percent design goal, Lorenco said. He reported from recent discussions with consultants VHB that the project is on the state's FY26 TIP funding schedule, although the hope had been for an earlier placement. The whole construction project has been pegged at approximately $7 million.

As Lorenco had shared during the recent Board of Selectmen meeting, VHB has received $250,000 thus far, and needs another $175,000 to reach the 75-percent design stage. Once the 25-percent design stage is achieved, however, those documents will be sent along to the Department of Transportation and Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for review.

Regarding the reconstruction of Pearl Street, Lorenco told both committees that there are monies in hand to do the water and sewer portions and that, while a Complete Streets grant for sidewalks from Route 6 to Church Street is awaiting acceptance, another $750,000 would be needed for the job to be completed.

Lorenco discussed funding options, including the possibility of borrowing enough to pay for both Pearl Street and some of the funding needed for Industrial Drive. He explained that it might be possible to borrow using a short-term loan or bond anticipation note, but said, "I'm not recommending long-term debt; it's too expensive."

Drilling the numbers a bit further on what is

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possible, Lorenco said that the cost of borrowing up to $2,600,000, which would cover both Pearl Street and the town's portion of Industrial Drive, could be added to the tax levy, resulting in approximately $26 per year for 20 years.

In a follow-up, Lorenco said that he is providing the town with various funding options for roadwork construction projects and that borrowing has not been fully vetted at this time. He also said that no money for Industrial Drive may be secured through borrowing without grants in hand. Presently, the estimate for that reconstruction project amounts to $935,000 coming from the town coffers and an equal sum from grant matches.

Addressing the Industrial Drive project, Selectman Jordan Collyer stated during the March 24 Board of Selectman meeting, "We wouldn't do anything if no grants come through."

In other business, during the Capital Planning meeting, the prioritization of requests was shared. The list from highest priority to lowest is a new police cruiser at $55,000, fire boat replacement pontoons at $14,500, Highway Department sidearm mower at $85,000, local schools phone system upgrade at $42,889, Center School floor repairs at $25,000, library roof and skylight repairs at $18,500, and waterfront repair engineering at Long Wharf at $54,000 for a total of $294,889 coming from free cash.

Other capital expenses approved by the committee were $250,000 coming from debt exclusion for

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roadway repairs; $90,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund for various expenses, including $25,000 for new building conceptual designs; $95,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund, which also includes $25,000 for new building conceptual designs; and a police cruiser from the tax levy for $55,000.

Next stop for the Capital Planning FY22 list: The Board of Selectmen.

Regarding a new Transfer Station loader, which has been a discussion item during various committee meetings, Chairman Chuck McCullough suggested a cautious wait-and-see approach, not allocating any money for new equipment at this time given that an in-use aging piece is "limping along," and that a study on the entire Transfer Station operation will be commencing soon.

During the Finance Committee meeting, members reviewed FY22 line items covering salaries and department head raises. Lorenco said that the Department of Revenue had approved merit raise procedures versus a standard 2-percent annual raise, and that a full explanation would be given at Town Meeting. Possible changes to the conservation agent position and upgrades to the position of assistant to the town administrator were also aired. Lorenco said that, currently, $35,000 is scheduled for those salary increases, but that he believes not all of it would be needed.

The possibility of the town moving away from the elected position of highway surveyor to a town engineer was explored. Lorenco said a preliminary review of what other towns are paying for an all-inclusive town engineer found New Bedford paying between $75,000 and $110,000 for several employees; Lakeville and Kingston are each paying $80,000, while Dartmouth has four engineers earning between $80,000 and $100,000. Fairhaven is also in the process of evaluating its need for a town engineer. Earlier in the meeting, member Tyler Macallister asked if the town had calculated any savings on supplies normally consumed at the schools when in full session, given school closing and hybrid models. Lorenco said he would look into that.

The $24,000 assessment from Bristol County Agricultural High School was also discussed with Lorenco saying that a meeting is scheduled with the school. "I don't believe we should be assessed," he said, adding that Rochester is looking at nearly $90,000. These assessments, Lorenco had previously stated, were based on a borrowing that Bristol Aggie had taken for school construction. However, not all towns sending students to Bristol Aggie were never granted the opportunity to participate in that spending decision.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, at 4:00 pm. Capital Planning's next meeting has yet to be announced.

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Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

In its only March 24 decision, the Marion Conservation Commission voted unanimously to approve an order of Resource Area Delineation, approving as accurate the resource areas as revised on March 22 in W. Dale Jones' application.

The Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) that ConCom Chairman Shaun Walsh described as a rarely sought filing, confirms the research conducted by Jones' representatives. Other members voting included Cindy Callow, Jeff Doubrava, Ethan Gerber and Marc Bellanger.

In a public hearing continued from March 10, Jones had filed the ANRAD for review and confirmation of wetland resource area boundaries where he plans to build a house on Register Road. The resource areas are approved for three years, but Jones can file a request for extension should the end game face obstacles.

Bob Gray, wetlands scientist, presented on behalf of the Joneses. Gray said that Walter Hartley conducted a street survey, and Walsh confirmed reception. The new survey marked intermittent streams and perennial streams.

Walsh referenced his correspondence with DEP wetlands circuit rider Andrew Poyant for feedback regarding the stream. Poyant marked the stream perennial

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(establishing riverfront area) and noted the drought that ruled out the use of results between July 1, 2020 and January 7, 2021.

Walsh commended the Joneses for identifying the remainder of the stream as it flows through Sippican Lands Trust property. Walsh said that information would inform present and future property owners as to their obligations.

Three applicants filed new Notices of Intent that were heard, discussed, and subjected to March 20 site visits. After discussion, all three public hearings were continued to ConCom's next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 pm.

J. Thomas Bowler Jr. and Ellen Bowler filed their NOI for demolition of a single-family house built in 1986 to be replaced by a new house at 17 Moorings Road. The NOI also encompasses installation of a stone, recharge trench for roof runoff, construction of an in-ground swimming pool, associated filling and grading, and removal and replacement of trees and landscaping.

The Bowlers were represented by Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon, & Leone Inc., plus representatives from the landscaping contractor and the non-profit development consultant greenGoat.

Davignon said the proposed house is outside the buffer zone. "The intention is to tie into (town) sewer," he said, noting that the existing septic system will remain in service until the sewer tie-in is complete. The new house will not sit in a DEP flood zone. The footprint will slide westerly.

"The majority is what you see (on the site plan) will be done outside of the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction," said Davignon.

The house will be built atop a shallow, crawl-space foundation. A tree that sits 20 feet from the sea wall in the northeast corner of the property will be removed. The retaining wall runs parallel to the shoreline. It will start out at 17 feet high (existing grade is 16 feet) and drops off to approximately 12 feet.

John and Judith Wyman's NOI at 12 Bell Guzzle Lane seeks to construct a 160 square-foot addition to their garage, a 296 square-foot carport requiring that several large trees be removed, a 120 square-foot expansion of

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their driveway, and 2,400 square feet of paving over a gravel driveway.

Representing the Wymans, Rick Charon explained that the paving will help clear snow in the winter, as the owners plan on spending more time at the house.

Charon said the garage is approximately the age of the house, which dates back to the 1960s. The house has no gutters, so rock will be added around the house. He characterized the work as low-impact. "We're working with the wetland lines that are there," he said.

Walsh asked if there would be some material change to the depth under the stone surrounding the house. Charron said no, that the runoff had pooled away from the house, so it is best to leave the soil alone.

"It's not marshy," said Walsh, having participated in the site visit. "To me, this is a buffer-zone project."

Christopher Kaplinsky's NOI applies to construct a patio, retaining wall, planting bed, and deck reconstruction at 41 East Avenue.

Chris Gilbert represented Klapinsky and told ConCom that the entire property is in a flood zone. He also noted that plans call for lowering the deck.

According to Gilbert, the retaining wall would be placed 34 feet from the seawall. The patio would sit 41 feet and the deck 51 feet from the seawall. Work would be set no closer to 30 feet from the seawall. The retaining wall will max out at 3.5 feet high

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Bruce Hebbel, former New Bedford's environmental project manager and former member of the Marion Conservation Commission circa 2006, has applied for an open associate membership with ConCom. Walsh hopes Hebbel will be on the April 6 Board of Selectmen's agenda.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 pm.

Steen Permitted for Two Signs

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

Once the zoning ramifications of the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District were settled, the road was paved for Steen Realty and Development Corporation seeking special permits from the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals for two monument signs sought on behalf of Rochester Crossroads LLC at 22 Cranberry Highway.

In a continued public hearing during the ZBA's March 25 meeting, Steen representative Phil Cordeiro of Alan & Major Associates clarified that Brockton-based Sign Design is creating a strip LED panel with illumination behind white panels, the voltage adjustable to meet the requirement of the law.

"We don't have a mock-up of that sign at present, and it's our understanding under the (Rochester Zoning) bylaw that 22.60 D.9 allows the replacement of the sign, a swap-out of the sign so long as the square footage of the sign remains the same. And that's what would be happening with that sign on (Route) 495," said Cordeiro, who told the ZBA that the signs will advertise Rochester Crossroads Apartments and the businesses at Rochester Crossroads.

What ZBA Chairman David Arancio questioned

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was how zoning might affect the size of the signs that should be allowed under Chapter 22.60 Section E.3, in which signs exceeding 9 square feet were proposed. Steen proposed entry signs at 50 and 46 square feet.

Arancio pointed out that the parcel was rezoned at Rochester Town Meeting as the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District, and deferred to ZBA member Richard Cutler, the chairman of the Bylaw Review Committee. Cutler told Arancio that the overlay district is still in a commercial district of the town. "So, the 50-foot sign limitations, in my opinion, are still correct," said Cutler.

With that, granting the special permits was only a matter of arriving upon clarifications of location, hours of

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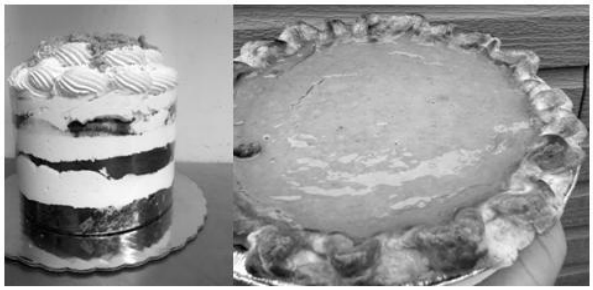
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illumination, and appropriate screening for neighboring homes.

Arancio followed up on ZBA Vice Chairman Davis Sullivan's question, confirming that the lighting and location would stay the same.

"I would say absolutely," said developer Ken Steen. "I wouldn't see any reason to change anything. I think it's just a function, as Phil just explained ... it would be a function of modifying the sign so that the tenant panels match up with the tenants that we end up with on our site, as opposed to what they are now."

Steen also pointed to the lengthy Planning Board process resulting in a taller sign.

"As a result of the Planning Board requiring us to relocate the ring road, which is presently closer to the Seasons Market, it's being relocated approximately 125 feet to the north," he explained, alluding to Seasons' concerns about potential customers missing the entryway, costing the store in business. "That was really the basis of it, and part of the solution was to offer them tenant panels on the sign, which did in fact increase the size of the sign."

Cutler proposed stipulations for the signs, three that would be common to both.

For the larger Sign No. 1 located on Lot No. 41.C4, Cutler proposed the following conditions: 1. Screening per the Planning Board shall be provided and maintained to shield the sign from view of residential homes within Rochester boundaries east of Route 28 (i.e., houses on Old County Road); 2. The business sign shall be illuminated only when the business represented on the sign is open; 3. No additional signs for businesses in the Rochester Crossroads complex are allowed under this permit, but business may apply for additional permits either individually or as a group; and 4. All other conditions of the Rochester Zoning Bylaws are to be met.

The ZBA voted unanimously to approve the special permit for Sign No. 1 with Cutler's stipulations.

Sign No. 2, under similar circumstances, located on Lot No. 41.C3 on Route 28, was also approved. Stipulations 2, 3, and 4 apply to Sign No. 2, and the ZBA again voted 5-0 in favor of the special permit.

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Arancio and Gilmore credited Cordeiro for his thorough presentation.

The ZBA has no more continued cases and no new cases at present, so the next meeting of the board has not yet been scheduled.

Harbormaster Says Harbor Plan Needs Update

Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board

By Marilou Newell

During the March 25 meeting of the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board, Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh explained the importance of a certifiable harbor management plan.

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McIntosh said that the plan posted on the town's website, mattapoisett.net, while helpful to a degree at the time it was written in 2011, falls short of current needs. Not only does the plan not cover all topics necessitated by 2021 standards for such documents, but it lacks data on such matters as climate change and environmental resiliency, rendering the plan too outdated to be included in the upcoming rewrite of Mattapoisett's Master Plan.

McIntosh said that, while the Board of Selectmen was lukewarm to his idea of hiring consultants Urban Harbor Institute, Boston, to write a comprehensive and certifiable harbor management plan for Mattapoisett, he believes it would give the town the data and credibility needed when trying to secure grants.

When asked what sort of data he was referring to, McIntosh cited sea-level rise, aquaculture, and grant funding, which oftentimes is requested upon the submission of a state-certified harbor management plan. It is no small task to complete the study behind such a document, McIntosh pointed out, saying it takes up to a year and a half to complete. He also indicated that grant funding to pay for the plan is possible.

Marine Advisory Board Chairman Carlos DeSousa said he would review Dartmouth's harbor management plan, which McIntosh indicated is a good one, as well as the type of data Urban Harbor Institute would include.

In other matters, McIntosh reported that the long awaited dredging project would have to wait still longer as the window of opportunity closed with the advancement of spring. He said that he had recently met with Field Engineering and that permit requests were headed back to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and then further on to the Department of Marine Fisheries, making it impossible to get the job done before the boating season is in full swing.

McIntosh said that, although the cumbersome process extends the inconvenience for those boaters whose dinghies become inaccessible at low tides, it also brings an opportunity to apply for grant money from the state Department of Environmental Protection to help defray costs to the town. He hopes to be successful

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in securing $15,000 with an equal match from the town. "We'll have to tackle the dredging in the fall," he concluded.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, at 7:00 pm.

Consultant Gives Plant Solid Marks

Marion Water & Sewer Commissioners

By Mick Colageo

Any perception that Marion's wastewater treatment facility is failing is mistaken, according to Kent Nichols Jr., vice president and wastewater practice leader

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Speaking to the Marion Water & Sewer Commissioners meeting on March 25, Nichols indicated belief that the expensive lagoon cleanup has given the wastewater treatment plant a bad name.

"Some of the things that get in the news would leave the impression that the Marion wastewater treatment facility ... is somehow not up to snuff," said Nichols. "You have a very advanced wastewater treatment system right now ... it's relatively new, it's highly functional."

Furthermore, Nichols expects that the "very highly treated effluent – it's a very clean effluent that goes out" produced by the plant will improve as the lagoon is cleaned up.

Selectman John Waterman asked Nichols to address regionalization in the meeting. Nichols said Weston & Sampson is trying to collect more information and considers a partnership with Mattapoisett or Wareham to be valid, long-term options, but he stressed the quality of Marion's facility.

Nichols estimates that Wareham's wastewater treatment facility, even with its upgrade, is not as modern as Marion's. Once Marion solves its lagoon situation, Nichols considers the facility to be relatively young and of a completely different technology from Wareham's.

Nichols credited the staff at Marion's plant for its performance, but made it clear the facility does not take a back seat in the region. He suspects those who hear the talk of a partnership with Wareham might assume the neighboring town's plant is in better condition. Nichols said that is not the case and that the Wareham plant needs many improvements.

"The plant doesn't necessarily outperform the Marion plant. It treats more wastewater but not a whole heck of a lot more. The capacity of that plant is about 1.5 million gallons a day, where yours is about .6," said Nichols.

Waterman asked if the plant's capacity could increase, but Nichols said the plant's technology does not favor a higher capacity and that would be better sought via partnership with a neighboring town.

In his resiliency report on the Creek Road water pumping station, Nichols displayed maps addressing the threat of increased flood elevations and a facility design that calls for a submersible pumping station with the control room in an elevated building designed for year 2080 flooding conditions.

Nichols said it is an exciting juncture in the comprehensive plan. Despite slow progress through the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, the task of sifting through many prior reports and observing facilities has culminated in a nearly complete draft of the first four sections of the report.

Sections will contain information and projections on future conditions including flows and loads and how future environmental conditions might change.

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I attended Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH after which I moved to San Diego, CA for Law School where over the next 30 years I went on to build a legal career with two business partners, creating a successful small business and employing a few dozen lawyers and staff across a handful of offices.

While I would travel back and forth between CA and Mattapoisett to see family on a regular basis, in 2005 I decided to buy a home in Mattapoisett and try and spend as much time enjoying everything we all love about this very special town.

I still remain a partner in my firm in CA but Mattapoisett has become my fulltime home where I now find myself with the time, skillset, and relevant experience to help the dedicated team of town employees, volunteer committee/board members, and residents plan and manage for the important challenges our town faces.

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Mattapoisett faces some complex challenges moving forward and this requires a Select Board member with a professional skillset like my own. I am a litigator by training and a go-getter by nature. I know how to solve complex problems and get things done. I am excited to put my ideas to work on your behalf if you elect me as your next Selectman.

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The first three sections of the report will produce a statement of need addressing modernization of facilities, the infiltration-inflow (I&I) program, sustainability and resiliency, capacity, and permitting conditions.

The final design is to be completed in June, which will also kick off a six-month funding application window. Construction contract bidding is to occur in the fall of 2022, to be followed by a one-year construction plan aiming for a December 2023 completion.

The state's Coastal Zone Management agency is funding the design, according to Nichols. Potential funding programs for construction include FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC), Coastal Zone Management (CZM), Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP), and State Revolving Fund (SRF).

March 24 was the second meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee; Nichols said the group talked in more detail about the technical aspects of the system. The target date for the next CAC meeting is May 19.

"We're getting to the very sensitive part here where we have to start making long-term decisions, and obviously one of the challenges that we have in Marion is that you've already got a fairly good investment in your system, so we're trying to make sure that anything that requires further capital investment will actually be able to be done in an affordable way," said Nichols.

In her Water and Sewer updates, Marion DPW Engineer Meghan Davis reported on the Mary's Pond well field rehabilitation.

Davis said that some interior and exterior work remains; the end of April is the anticipated completion date. She explained that water from Mary's Pond well goes to the East and West station site before it goes into distribution. When the chemical feed building is finished, Mary's Pond water will be activated and work together with the East and West distributions. The construction start-up date for the chemical feed building is July 7, with early winter 2022 as the target to get all three wells up and running.

The engineering firm Tata & Howard is designing and developing Standard Operating Procedures for the

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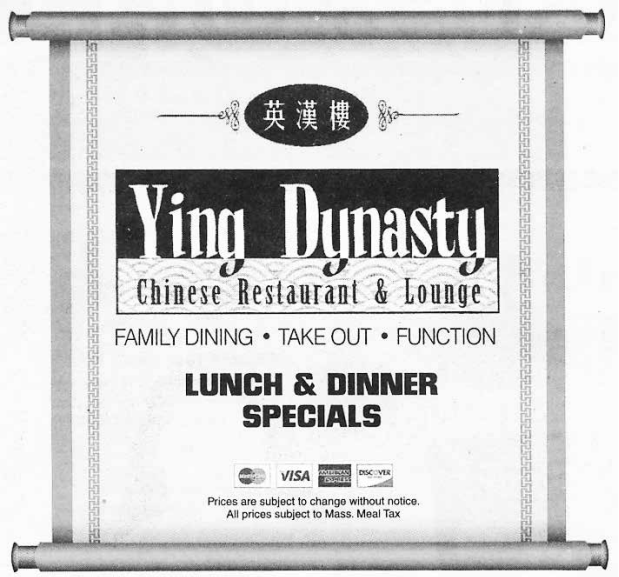
Water and Sewer Departments. The focus is for training in an emergency event that makes regular personnel unavailable.

National Water Main Cleaning Company is treating Marion's main road wastewater infiltration and inflow. The town has invested $190,000 in the I/I work. Year Two work is almost complete with an estimated completion date of April 9. There will be a Year Three investigation by National Water Main.

Davis began by updating the commissioners on the 2021 Fire Hydrant Replacement Program. Three hydrants are being relocated to 17 Dexter Road, 361 Front Street, and 639 Front Street; all three hydrants require insertion valves at $6,000 apiece. The low bid was won by Harwich-based N&M Excavating at $39,300, money that was allocated in 2020. Construction is scheduled to begin in April.

The Mill Street Water Replacement Project is nearly complete, according to Davis. Remaining work to be done next month includes the required mill and overlay and the removal of old fire hydrants that have been replaced.

The next meeting of the Marion Water & Sewer Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, at 4:00 pm. The members are the town's three selectmen, so the Board of Selectmen could become the platform for Water & Sewer decisions.



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Richard Lewis Prouty died peacefully on March 24, 2021 following a brief illness lovingly surrounded by his family and his wife, Kim.

Richard was born in Springfield, MA on February 2, 1976 and moved to Mattapoisett with his family in 1981. He attended Friends Academy in Dartmouth, Old Rochester Regional High School, Castleton University in Castleton, VT graduating with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Music. He attended Berklee School of Music before graduating from the Institute of Health Professions, Boston, with a Master of Science in Nursing. He worked for several years as a Nurse Practitioner giving specialized care working with neurosurgeons and orthopedic hand surgeons. His work with his patients was personal and deeply caring. He also was a partial owner of The Speedwell Tavern in Plymouth, MA.

Richard was a gifted musician and held a lifelong passion for music in many forms. A member of the local Loose Cannon Orchestra, he excelled in jazz organ and piano and was always willing to create and share his music with others.

He was an avid adventurer whether it was traveling cross country from skate park to skate park while also exploring the wilderness, or captaining the mighty "Beagle" offshore in search of tuna and mahi-mahi. He also won the North Atlantic Shark Tournament in 2014 with a group of great friends. Richard was a lover of all animals great and small throughout his life.

A skateboarder, a remote car racer, an artist and framer, a photographer. He selflessly built a skateboard park for all to enjoy in New Bedford. His kindness and joy in life was never ending. We are all the richer for knowing and loving him. As a dear friend says, "The world will never recover from his loss".

Richard is survived by his wife, Kim, his parents, Lewis and Jennifer Prouty; his sister Hilary Vineyard and her husband Sam and their son, Oliver; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Caroline and Justin Manzone, and their children, Pepper and Tucker; and many cousins, aunts and uncles, and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Fairhaven Animal Shelter or the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy.

His memorial visitation will be held Tuesday, April 6th from 4-8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett.

Please be advised that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there are strict guidelines that must be adhered to for the safety of everyone. You MUST wear a mask to be allowed entry to the services. Please practice social distancing and avoid any close contact. Guests will be permitted to pay their respects and depart to allow the next guests to enter. Capacity at the funeral home will be limited so there could be wait times outside the funeral home.

Donald J. DuBois, 86, of Rochester, formerly of Newton, died Sunday, March 28, 2021 peacefully at his home surrounded by family and friends. He was the husband of Frances B. (Bucelwicz) DuBois.

Born in Watertown, he was the son of the late Eugene and Anna (Kidik) DuBois. Raised in Newton, Don worked with his brothers at DuBois Corporation in Newton. A longtime summer resident of Briarwood in Wareham, he moved to Rochester 17 years ago.

Mr. DuBois also a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed fishing, lobstering and scalloping.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; his children, Donald J. DuBois, Jr. and his fiancé Linda Koliscz of Fairhaven, Douglas DuBois and his wife Kamryn of Millis, and Donna DuBois of Newton; his brothers, Eugene DuBois of FL, and Frederick DuBois of Norfolk; six grandchildren, Brielle Chase, Addison DuBois, Sheridan DuBois, Olivia DuBois, Maxwell DuBois and Jordyn Turin; and 2 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, the late Lorraine Howard.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Mon., April 5, 2021 at St. Patrick's Church, High St., Wareham at 11:30 am. Interment will follow in Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours have been omitted.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Ln., Rochester, MA 02770. Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. For directions and on-line guestbook visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

Jocelyne M. Tapper, 83. Jocelyne used to say that she "opened and closed" a great many eyes in her career as both a maternity nurse and a nursing home supervisor. She cared, lovingly, for those on both ends of the spectrum of life, from birth to death.

After receiving her nursing degree from St. Anne's Nursing School in Fall River, MA, Jocelyne began her career by helping birth countless babies at Wesson Women's Hospital in Springfield. She also worked for many years in the maternity ward of St. Luke's in New Bedford, comforting laboring Moms and welcoming beautiful new babies into the world.

Later working at Our Lady's Haven in Fairhaven and Sippican Healthcare in Marion, Jocelyne was particularly devoted to maintaining the dignity of the elderly residents in

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Barrett Chosen for Feasibility Study

Marion Affordable Housing Trust

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Affordable Housing Trust voted on March 30 to recommend Barrett Planning Group, LLC to assist the town with a feasibility study on options for older adult housing.

Members of the Affordable Housing Trust enthusiastically accepted Barrett's bid, the lone response to Marion's request for quotes.

"I attended [a webinar] and I was very impressed with Judi Barrett. I would have no problem contracting with her," said AHT member Norm Hills.

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Passing on March 30, 2021 at the age of 83, Jocelyne will, from her joy-filled heavenly vantage, now watch over those who remain, including her twin "boys" Mark and John Tapper of Vermont and their wives Susannah and Sarah; her daughters Michele Tapper-Racine and her husband Richard of Fairhaven and Evelyn Davilla of Waterford, Connecticut. Jocelyne is predeceased by her son, Matthew Tapper. Jocelyne's sister, Suzanne Walter and her husband Robert of Virginia will miss the frequent visits to the Southcoast to spend time with Jocelyne in her beloved village of Mattapoisett.

Jocelyne is now guardian angel to her nine grandchildren, their spouses, and partners and her eight great-grandchildren.

Proud of her family ties to the Letendre and Payette clans, Jocelyne leaves behind many cousins with whom she shared some amazing adventures, numerous nieces, and nephews, and so many beloved friends.

In remembrance of Jocelyne's spirit, be sure to spend that extra time rocking and singing to those babies, be sure to hold an elderly hand, and offer peace and comfort to those who may be alone.

The Liturgy of the Word and Final Commendation will be held on Thursday April 1, 2021 at 10 AM at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. The service will also be live-streamed at www.whalingcitycatholics.org. for those unable to attend in person. Burial will follow in Notre Dame Cemetery, Fall River. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday March 31, 2021 from 5-7 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. Due to the current pandemic, you must wear a mask and practice social distancing. For online condolence book, please visit www.saunders-dwyer.com.

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11:00 AM Beacon Hill Report - Tony Cabral
11:33 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM Artist Interview - Thomas Lynch
2:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
3:00 PM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
3:30 PM Southcoast Matters
4:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM A Conversation With...
7:00 PM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
8:00 PM Reeling Movie Review
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM IA Jock Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday April 3, 2021
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
2:30 PM Inspiring Careers
3:00 PM Beacon Hill Report - Tony Cabral
3:33 PM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
4:00 PM Registers Report
4:30 PM Off the Shelf
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
7:00 PM A Conversation With...
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Reeling Movie Review
8:30 PM Let's Talk Business
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Talking Trek
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday April 4, 2021
6:00 AM Veterans Voice
6:40 AM Health Source
7:16 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
8:30 AM Timing is Everything
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM A Cranberry Harvest
4:30 PM In the Toy Box
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Off the Shelf
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM The Non-Profit World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Kamla Show
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday April 5, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM Health Talk
9:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:30 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Help and Hope Southcoast
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:00 PM From Ireland to America - Irish Music
4:13 PM Ed Markey - Restaurant and Bar Relief
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Off the Shelf
7:00 PM Southcoast Matters
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday April 6, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:02 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:30 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Help and Hope Southcoast
11:30 AM A Cranberry Harvest
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:30 PM Southcoast Matters
4:30 PM Inspiring Careers
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Off the Shelf
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Talking Trek
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday April 7, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM Health Expert
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
11:30 AM Off the Shelf
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters
4:00 PM The Non-Profit World
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Rick DaSilva
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Reeling Movie Review
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Water & Sewer Commissioners - March 25, 2021
8:06 AM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021
9:46 AM Marion Conservation Commission - March 24, 2021
11:30 AM Marion Finance Committee - March 24, 2021
1:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 16, 2021
2:03 PM Marion Board of Health - March 16, 2021
2:30 PM Marion Planning Board - March 15, 2021
4:30 PM Marion Water & Sewer Commissioners - March 25, 2021
5:36 PM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021
7:16 PM Marion Conservation Commission - March 24, 2021
9:00 PM Marion Finance Committee - March 24, 2021
10:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 16, 2021
11:33 PM Marion Board of Health - March 16, 2021

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 22, 2021
7:30 AM Rochester School Committee - March 4, 2021
8:32 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - March 16, 2021
10:00 AM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021
11:39 AM Marion-Rochester Regional Health - March 16, 2021
11:44 AM Rochester Planning Board - March 10, 2021
12:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 22, 2021
1:00 PM Rochester School Committee - March 4, 2021
2:02 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - March 16, 2021
3:30 PM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021
5:09 PM Marion-Rochester Regional Health - March 16, 2021
5:14 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 10, 2021
6:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 22, 2021
6:30 PM Rochester School Committee - March 4, 2021
7:32 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - March 16, 2021
9:00 PM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021
10:39 PM Marion-Rochester Regional Health - March 16, 2021
10:44 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 10, 2021
11:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 22, 2021

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:32 AM Marion COA Meditation - March 23, 2021
8:33 AM Mattapoisett Library Storytime with Miss Chris
9:01 AM Rochester COA Senior Scams
9:34 AM Mattapoisett Library - Surfcasting
10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Rick DaSilva
11:30 AM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:32 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Robert Pina
1:02 PM Sundog Organ Trio at The Marion Art Center
2:15 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Beatrice Pina Pires
3:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball Championship vs DR - February 16, 2021
4:07 PM Mattapoisett Library - Surfcasting
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Rick DaSilva
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:32 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Robert Pina
7:02 PM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
7:30 PM Sundog Organ Trio at The Marion Art Center
8:43 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Beatrice Pina Pires
9:30 PM Rochester COA Senior Scams
10:02 PM ORR Girls Basketball Championship vs DR - February 16, 2021
11:10 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Backyard Bird Count

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
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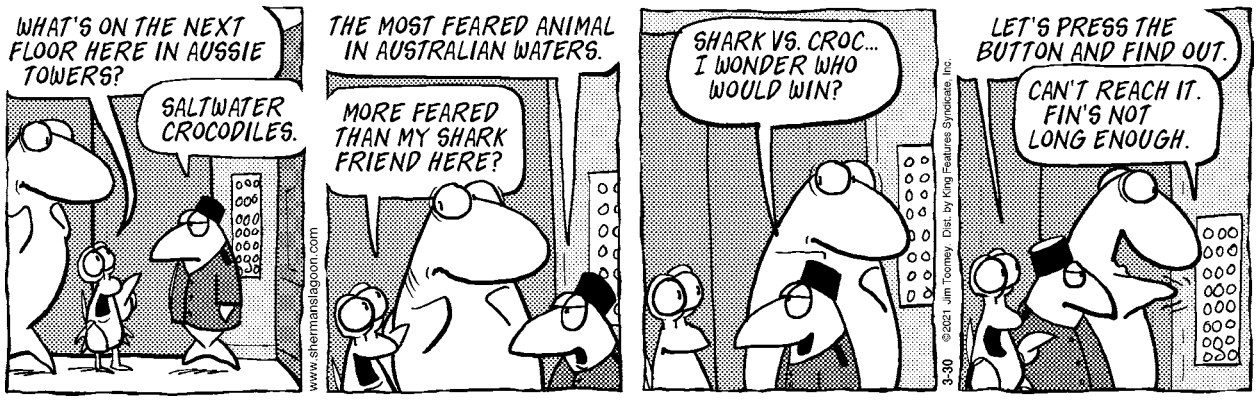
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



Ethan Gerber and Cynthia Thomas recognized her group's work outside the Town House and Taber Library. "I liked her a lot, and was impressed with her knowledge," said Cole-Vieira.

Barrett has 33 years of experience as a planning and community development professional in state and municipal government and in business. For almost two decades, she has been a consultant with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership Chapter 40B Technical Assistance Program. Barrett will partner with landscape architect Dodson & Flinker.

The Affordable Housing Trust also voted to approve an $817.15 invoice from the Southeastern Region Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for work on its Housing Production Plan.

The May 11 meeting scheduled for the Marion Affordable Housing Trust will be moved up to May 4 to get it ahead of the May 10 Annual Town Meeting. The next meeting of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 13, at 6:00 pm.

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District Schools Heading Back to Classrooms

School Committees

By Mick Colageo

Old Rochester Regional Junior High and High students, the caboose on the train back to full-time school attendance, will have played catch-up by the end of April, according to Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson during his March 24 update to the Old Rochester Regional School Committee.

While grades 3-6 in the Tri-Town are scheduled join K-2 students in a full, in-person return to school starting Monday, April 5, grades 7-12 are looking at Tuesday, April 27, as their target date.

"Throughout this whole process, I've always wanted to be nimble and able to adapt quickly," said ORR Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner. "Even last summer when we were preparing to open in the fall ... whether we moved from one model to another ... to try and be as least disruptive as possible."

Keeping some of the core rhythms with building operations, said Coellner, "hopefully would keep some

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TriTown Happenings

The Old Rochester Regional High School football team opened its season in a 42-15 defeat against Dighton-Rehoboth on March 27 in New Bedford. Above, Stephen Arne picks up a first down for the Bulldogs. Top right, Hayden Rinta (20) powers his way through the gap. Right, the Bulldogs take the play from Ryon Thomas (1). Bottom right, ORR's Jayven Pina Francis brings down D-R's Jaren Ramos. Below, Ryon Thomas throws deep down the sideline. Photos by Ryan Feeney

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consistency and fluidity for the students."

According to Nelson, when schools pivot to full, in-person learning, families will have the option of going fully remote. The hybrid learning model currently in practice since the opening of the academic year will be retired for duration of the 2020-21 school year.

Based on updated state guidelines, social distancing will keep students 3 to 6 feet apart in the classroom, all staff 6 feet from students and one another, and facemasks will remain a standard practice for students and staff regardless of whether or not they have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Students will maintain 6 feet social distancing for lunch, including in classrooms that will be set up accordingly for those assigned to dine in their classrooms.

Reporting to the Mattapoisett School Committee on Monday night, Tavares said families were to meet for orientation with staff on Tuesday night via Zoom; 280 families have requested transportation, while 257 already have children riding on buses, an average of 37 students per bus.

The Center School drop-off and dismissal times will remain the same (8:15 am and 3:00 pm), and Tavares called dismissal the school's greatest challenge as cars are often backed up on Shaw Street close to Route 6. In response to the resumption of full attendance, drivers will be given new directives upon arrival for pick-up, which will be monitored by Mattapoisett Police.

Old Hammondtown School will continue dismissing from the gymnasium but will now add the grade 6 wing as the second point of dismissal depending on grade levels. Tavares told the committee he had scheduled practice sessions for this week in cohorts.

The Old Rochester School Committee met on March 24 and voted to accept the Memorandum of Agreement that the high school return to full, in-person learning, and, in a separate vote, that the junior high be included in that vote.

Currently, the high school has 628 students in the hybrid model, and 87 in full remote. "We did do our survey, and we have less than a handful of students who will be switching learning plans. We're ready should more

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Movie Review

Long Strange Trip

By Rob Gonsalves
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The Father. **Starring Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman. Directed by Florian Zeller. Running time: 97 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Playing in select theaters and streaming on demand.**

"Pray, do not mock me: I am a very foolish fond old man, fourscore and upward, not an hour more or less; and, to deal plainly, I fear I am not in my perfect mind." Anthony Hopkins spoke those words as King Lear in 1986 and again in 2018, and he voices the sentiment in different words, or with no words at all, in the devastating drama *The Father.* Hopkins plays Anthony, an aging Englishman who can no longer make the world stay still so that he can get his bearings. The people in his life keep changing appearance. So does his flat, which is sometimes his daughter's flat. The movie, directed and cowritten by Florian Zeller from his play, uses subtle cinematic techniques to keep us as disoriented as Anthony is. We share his sense of being unmoored, grasping at any solidity that presents itself before it and he recede into nonsense.

The Father is not as incoherent as I've perhaps made it sound. The style is sturdy and sensible; it doesn't lurch into frenzy or melodramatic notions of what insanity feels like from the inside. Anthony is, after all, quite convinced that he's perfectly sound of mind and that everyone else, for their own dark reasons, has conspired to throw difficulties in his path. So when the inconsistencies crack the narrative — when Anthony's daughter Anne leaves, played by Olivia Colman, and then returns played by Olivia Williams — the style remains a steady flow of information that, though neatly presented, is unacceptable to Anthony. Who is *this,* now? Anne? *You're* not Anne. This switcheroo happens with other characters, and Williams also turns up in two other roles.

The horror of this situation is twofold: Anthony's existential anguish over losing everything he is, and Anne's fury and heartbreak over being erased from her father's memory. Both Hopkins and Colman beautifully convey the nightmare of a disease that steals identity not only from its host but from everyone in his support system. The film sticks diligently to its grim mode of a confounding reality attacking and retreating. Every scene is there to establish Anthony's decline. We are locked in his disintegrating perceptions for ninety-plus minutes; even in scenes when Anthony isn't around yet, and Anne is talking to her husband/not husband (played alternately by Mark Gatiss and Rufus Sewell), we feel we're seeing what Anthony is overhearing but misunderstanding, or imagining but through his own filter. Eventually we come to realize that the story is about no more or less than the unreliability of *any* perception. Anthony is all of us, blinking slowly at new people or missing objects while holding firm to his belief that his antennae are working perfectly.

A lot of things in Anthony's shifting sense of himself can be interrogated or discussed, such as his insistence that he used to be a tap dancer, while elsewhere agreeing that he was an engineer. Well, which is it? Florian Zeller, along with screenplay collaborator Christopher Hampton, plants conflicting details and, within the tight and conventional confines of his camera blocking, refuses to give us ground beneath our feet. Anthony has, or had, another daughter Lucy, who hasn't come to see him in some time; the shards of data we get — which, of course, could themselves be suspect — indicate that Lucy was killed in an accident. It's certainly open to interpretation.

Hopkins makes Anthony prickly and ungovernable, a modern-day Lear raging against the storm in his own head. Ultimately, as in *Wit* (with Emma Thompson's least-seen great performance), Anthony — as will we all — comes full circle into whimpering infancy. If we shed a tear, we do so not for him but for ourselves. The long, intolerable slide into oblivion — the immovable arc of the universe. Sometimes a story like this gets told with a spoonful of genre sugar; a lot of science fiction, for instance, runs on speculation about identity and humanity. So the tale is told sidewise, to spare the viewer a direct hit of pain. *The Father* stays within our unremarkable reality, a world we recognize, until we no longer do.

seek to change learning plans," said ORR High School Principal Mike Devoll.

The high school class schedule will no longer rotate but will toggle between two schedules for the rest of the academic year. Classes will begin at 7:30 am and end at 2:00 pm. High school classes will be 85 minutes long and followed by eight or nine-minute outdoor mask breaks. Seniors have been allowed to eat lunches outdoors in the courtyard under a tent. That option will be expanded to include the junior class.

High school students on full remote will remain on Gradpoint software, their teachers continuing in the supervisory role.

Families will be invited to participate in an informational Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30 pm. Devoll said remote students participated in a Zoom meeting on March 23. Committee member Heather Burke asked how students will be able to access extra help. Devoll said students have used after-school appointments. Devoll added that, in order to avoid testing in the final weeks of school, MCAS testing for three grade levels and Advanced Placement testing for 17 courses will all be conducted in May.

Committee member Francis Kearns also asked for public communication regarding the future of the lunch program. Nelson said he would work to meet the request.

Prior to the reopening vote, Nelson told the ORR School Committee that 24 of the 100 School Choice students attending in the ORR School District will exit; therefore, he recommended that the ORR School Committee approve 27 new openings for students to attend ORR schools on School Choice for the 2021-22 academic year. Nelson recommended that no more than 15 be enrolled into grade 7, and no more than three in grade 8. The committee voted in favor.

By March 24, ORR had received 30 School Choice applications, according to Nelson's report. He said the School Choice lottery would most likely be held the week before April vacation.

An initial discussion suggested Mattapoisett School Committee members are in favor of maintaining the district's stance as a School Choice district. There will be a public hearing on the matter in May.

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After Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber presented the Mattapoisett School Committee a $7,511,872 budget for FY22, members voted unanimously to accept. The committee also voted unanimously in favor of a $70,000 allocation for School Choice.

The eight students attending Center School on School Choice are all expected to return in 2021-22. Nelson told the committee that Principal Rose Bowman, prior to going on medical leave, anticipated class sizes of 19, 18, and 18 for grades K-2. Tavares said 54 invitations were sent out based on a survey. Nelson said it was not the result of any strategy that Old Hammondtown has no School Choice students and all are attending Center

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights March 21-March 27

- Crapo St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Point Rd – Civil complaint
- Cove Cir – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Hartley Ln – EMS/medical
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Planting Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- South St – EMS/medical
- Beach St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – 911 abandoned
- Route 105 – MV collision
- Converse Rd – Vandalism/past
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Front St – Road hazard
- Main St – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Hartley Ln – Officer wanted
- Ryders Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General offense
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – Identity theft
- Cranberry Hwy – Animal complaint
- Front St – Noise complaint
- Riverview Ln – Brush fire
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Follow up investigation
- Wells Rd – Suspicious MV

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights March 21-March 27

- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Gosnold St – 911 abandoned
- Angelica Ave – Animal control
- Lebaron Way – Suspicious persons
- Bayberry Ln – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Old Tree Farm Rd – Domestic
- River Rd – Brush fire
- Crook's Way - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – Handle with care
- Neds Point Rd – Officer wanted
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Crook's Way – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd - Threats
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd - Suspicious MV
- Pine Island Rd – Assist citizen
- Shaw St – Officer wanted
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Angelica Ave – Suspicious MV
- Shaw St – Suspicious MV
- Fairhaven Rd – Abandoned 911
- Mechanic St – MV crash
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- Melissa Anne Ln – Animal control
- Angelica Ave – Property lost
- Holly Ln – Health/welfare
- Driscoll Ln – Medical assist

ROCHESTER
Log highlights March 21-March 27

- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Rounseville Rd – Animal control
- Cross Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd - Disturbance
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Quaker Ln – MV stop/arrest
- New Bedford Rd - Vandalism
- Bryant Ln – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – Road hazard
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy - Medical
- Marion Rd - Medical
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln - Investigation
- North Ave – MV collision
- North Ave – MV collision
- Pine St – Well being check
- Dexter Ln – MV collision
- County Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Noise complaint

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, April 5: Hot dog, mustard, baked beans, cabbage & carrots, hot dog roll, peaches
Tuesday, April 6: Crustless turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes, biscuit, applesauce
Wednesday, April 7: Pork lo mein, oriental vegetable, oatmeal roll, cookie, diet: graham wafer
Thursday, April 8: Curry chicken, rice pilaf, tahitian vegetable, whole wheat roll, fresh orange
Friday, April 9: "Catch of the Day", lemon dill sauce, dirty rice, carrots, dinner roll, pineapple

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, April 5: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, crazy carrots, whole grain mini Rice Krispies treat, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Tuesday, April 6: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Wednesday, April 7: Creamy mac & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Thursday, April 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, sausage patty, potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks,1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Friday, April 9: Cheese pizza, garden salad, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, April 5: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, crazy carrots, whole grain mini Rice Krispies treat, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Tuesday, April 6: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Wednesday, April 7: Creamy mac & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Thursday, April 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, sausage patty, potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks,1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Friday, April 9: Cheese pizza, garden salad, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, April 5: Chef's Choice
Tuesday, April 6: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven roasted French fries, savory green beans, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Grab N Go chicken salad sub
Wednesday, April 7: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven roasted French fries, savory green beans, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Grab N Go chicken salad sub
Thursday, April 8: Cheese pizza, garden salad, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Grab N Go chicken salad sub
Friday, April 9: Cheese pizza, garden salad, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Grab N Go chicken salad sub

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, April 5: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, crazy carrots, whole grain mini Rice Krispies treat, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Tuesday, April 6: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Wednesday, April 7: Creamy mac & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Thursday, April 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, sausage patty, potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks,1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Friday, April 9: Cheese pizza, garden salad, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, April 5: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, crazy carrots, whole grain mini Rice Krispies treat, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Tuesday, April 6: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Wednesday, April 7: Creamy mac & cheese, side whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Thursday, April 8: Whole grain French toast sticks, sausage patty, potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks,1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch
Friday, April 9: Cheese pizza, garden salad, 1% milk, assorted fresh fruit (OR) Ham & cheese sub fun lunch

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, April 5: Taco's, salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans in a taco shell or over rice
Tuesday, April 6: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread
Wednesday, April 7: Chicken parmesan & spaghetti
Thursday, April 8: Hot dog & fries
Friday, April 9: Assorted pizza

School.

The ORR School Committee also voted to approve Devoll's Early Childhood Pathway Program.

Dr. Colin Everett of the Health and Safety Committee with Dan McAvoy publicly thanked the Town of Marion and Representative Bill Straus for their unsuccessful efforts to host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for educators. Everett noted that, since many faculty members await their second dose, reactions increase the possibility of absences.

In his Principal's Report, Devoll reported that 285 ORR students are participating in Fall II season interscholastic sports. Spectators are allowed at outdoor sports up to 150.

In his Principal's Report, Tavares paid public respects to the late Gail Stetson, who had worked 24 years at Old Hammondtown, saying, "She is missed."

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 3. The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is set for Wednesday, May 12, and the Joint School Committee's next meeting is set for Thursday, April 29. All meeting will be held at 6:30 pm.

Humbling Opener for ORR

Sports Roundup

By Nick Friar

Old Rochester Regional High School's first crack at March football did not go as well as the Bulldogs would have liked. On March 27, at New Bedford High School, Dighton-Rehoboth's Jaren Ramos did whatever he wanted on the ground, rushing for over 200 yards, and ORR suffered a 42-15 loss as a result.

"We're pretty inexperienced right now at the varsity level," ORR head coach Bryce Guilbeault said. "We've got a lot of young guys playing. I think the little things – the little missed opportunities – they all add up, and they can get away from you in a hurry if you don't step up and make a play."

One of the few ORR players with significant varsity experience is quarterback **Ryon Thomas**, who finished with 126 all-purpose yards, a rushing touchdown, and a passing touchdown that connected with **Dylon Thomas**, Ryon's brother. Dylon Thomas averaged just over eight yards per reception and had five catches in the loss, but the Bulldogs will need production outside of the Thomas brothers if they hope for better outcomes moving forward.

"I think it was an eye-opening experience for some of them," Guilbeault said. "We've been fortunate; we've been pretty successful for a long time. It was humbling for myself and the coaches and, I'm sure, some of the players, the veteran players that we have. Sometimes you just take for granted that things are going to work out and you have to overcome a little adversity. They seem focused at practice (following the loss). They seem ready to work and get right on improving, so, hopefully, we just get better every day this week."

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ORR has a slightly quicker turnaround than usual heading into week two of the MIAA's Fall II football season. They're back to Friday night football for their game against Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. The Bears will play host and kickoff is at 4:00 pm.

Old Colony Football

Old Colony is off to a 0-2 start. Following a 30-16 loss to Tri-County in the season opener, the Cougars again fell by 14 points in their second game, a 28-14 defeat at the hands of Bristol-Plymouth.

The Cougars are off this week.

ORR Girls Soccer

The Bulldogs started the season off on the right

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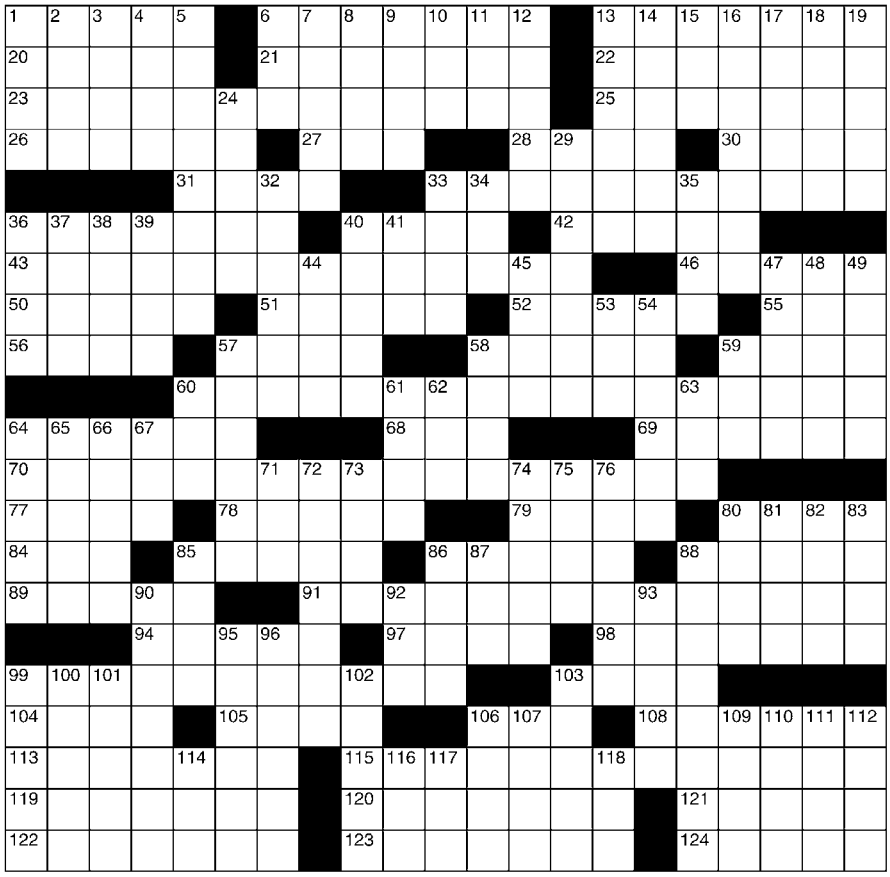

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With change dominant this week, don't be surprised to find new facts emerging that could put another slant on a situation and offer you another choice. Think it through before you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There could be some lingering problems from a previous matter that involved a decision you felt you had to make. Resolve the situation with your strong Taurean no-nonsense approach.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini's carefully made plans could be undone by someone's unexpected decision. Getting the full story behind that surprise move can help you decide how to deal with the matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Recently uncovered information might put a new light on a situation you thought had been resolved. Keep an open mind about possible changes that you might have to consider.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With a potential revision of an old agreement, you can't beat the Big Cat for knowing how to sharpen a "clause" to the best advantage. Someone close could have the news you've been waiting for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Certain issues in the workplace could put you in the middle of a dispute you'd rather not deal with. Express your honest feelings before the pressure to take sides builds up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel uneasy disagreeing with someone you've been close to. But your relationship should be able to withstand and even thrive when confronted with your true feelings.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation seems to be creating more confusion than you can handle. If so, own up to your feelings. The sooner you do, the better your chances are for working things out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With change directing the Archer's aim, consider a second look at your plans and see where they might benefit from a revision. A workplace matter is close to a resolution.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New contacts help you learn some important information about upcoming developments. The week calls for the Sea Goat to be more flexible than usual in a number of matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With both change and uncertainty in your aspect, you might feel less confident in a previous decision. That's OK. Check it out and see where it could be modified, if necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Old relationships that seemed to be sinking are buoyant again, and new relationships are benefiting from Cupid's loving care. This could be a good time to make a major move.

BORN THIS WEEK: While you prefer to tread your own path, you'll go out of your way to help someone in need.

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foot, thanks to two goals from Maddie Wright in their season opener against Seekonk. Those would be the only two goals scored by either side as Old Rochester Regional goalie **Skylar Cardwell** finished with seven saves in her shutout victory. The Bulldogs get back to work on Thursday, April 1, at Somerset Berkley. Game time is 3:45 pm.

ORR Boys Soccer

Charlie Hartley-Matteson decided to take on the offensive workload in the Bulldogs' first game of the season, scoring three goals in ORR's 4-1 win against Seekonk. **Brody Garber** was the other goal scorer for the Bulldogs, who host Somerset Berkley on Thursday, April 1, at 3:45 pm.

Old Colony Girls Soccer

The Cougars opened their season with two meetings against Upper Cape Voc-Tech and dropped both, the latter by a 4-1 score on March 25. **Lily Tose** scored Old Colony's only goal in that one.

The Cougars play their season series against Diman Voke this week. The teams played on Tuesday in Fall River; Old Colony will host the rematch on its Rochester campus on Thursday, April 1, at 3:30 pm.

Old Colony Volleyball

After winning their first game of the season against Diman Voke in five sets, the Cougars were on the opposite end of a 3-1 finish against the Bengals and lost by the same score against Cape Cod Tech to drop to 1-2 to start the season.

Nina Castillo, **Savanna Halle**, and **Lauren Eldridge** have consistently made contributions for Old Colony in the early going. Castillo had nine digs and five aces in the loss to Cape Cod Tech. Halle finished with 10 kills, 14 service points, and four aces in the opener against Diman, while Eldridge scored 27 service points with seven aces.

The Cougars host Cape Cod Tech on Wednesday, March 31, at 5:30 pm.

Letters to the Editor

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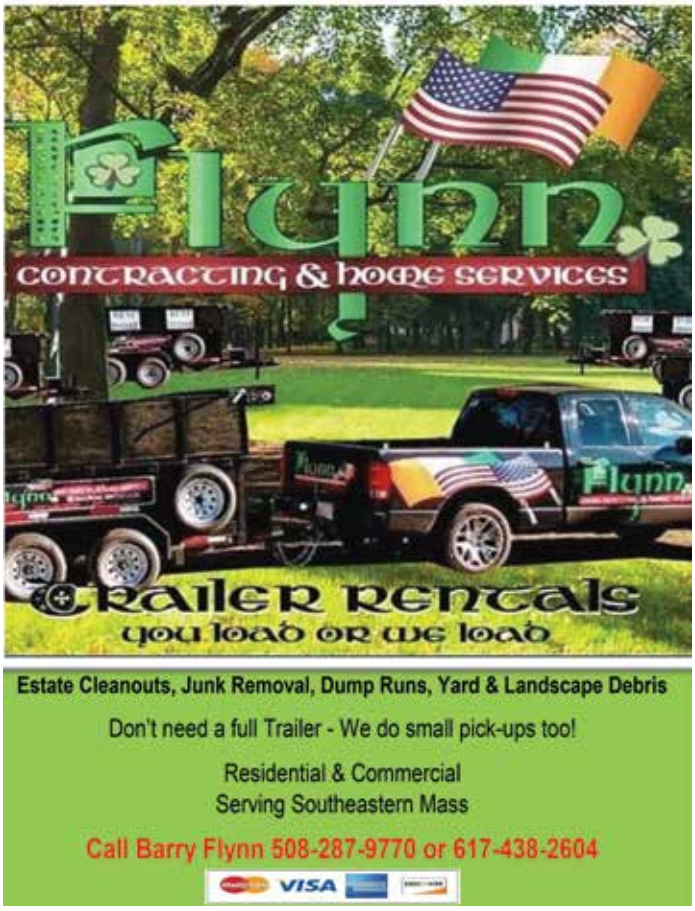
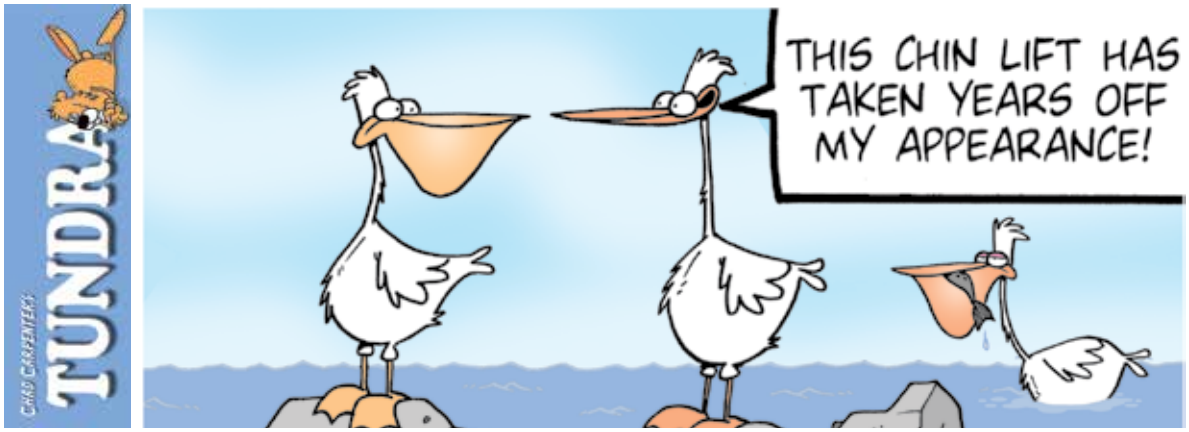
To the Editor;

The Marion Democratic Town Committee responded to the 2020 election by supporting Democratic causes and candidates across the country. The election of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris is a big win for all of us, but their and our work is just beginning.





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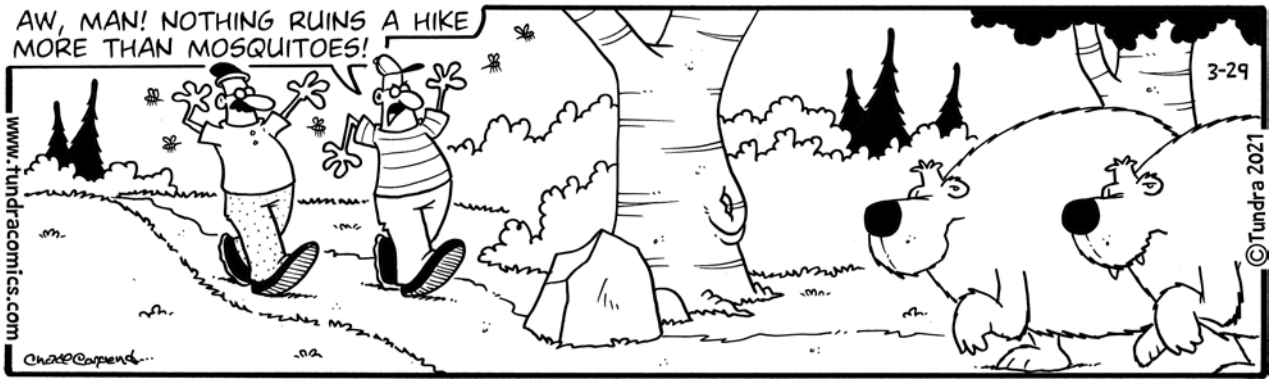

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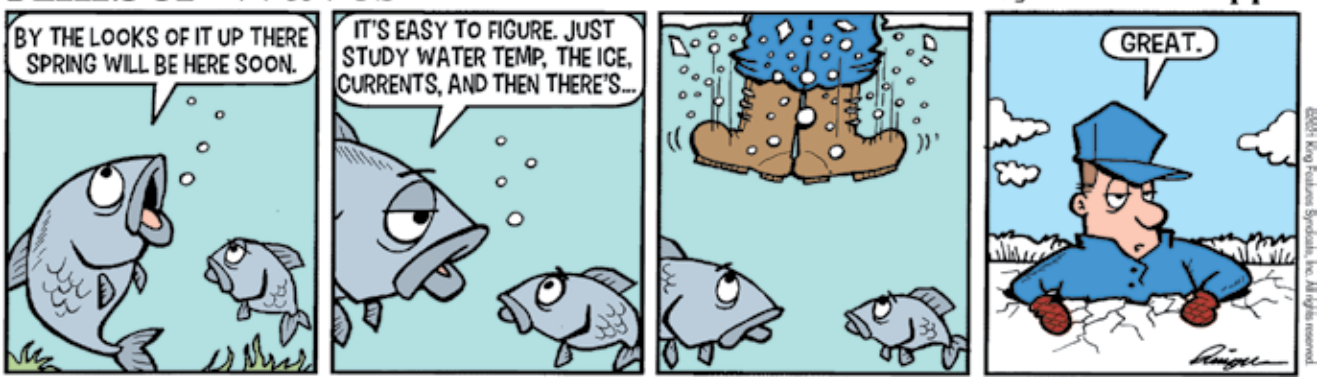

2021 is an important year both locally and nationally. We need to fight those states which have bills ready to make voting harder for everyone. This already has happened in Georgia, where mail-in voting, the number of voter boxes, and even supplying water to voters in line have been restricted in recent legislation. Our committee also is working along other states to abolish the electoral college.

In our own state we have issues with an unfair tax structure that favors millionaires, while low to moderate income families struggle to pay for child care. As a committee, we recently voted to support the "We the People Act," which will eliminate corporate contributions in elections. Our Facebook page, named "Marion Democratic Town Committee," shares interesting articles and posts relevant to our Democratic processes. Please "Like" it to stay up to date. Please get involved and contact your legislators about issues of importance to you. If you would like to join the committee, or just want to get involved, please feel free to contact Sharon Matzek at 508-748-6905 or sharonmatzek@yahoo.com and we'll respond as quickly as possible.

Sharon Matzek

Academic Achievements

Jack LeBrun of Mattapoisett was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University in the Fall 2020 semester. Dean's List status is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

MNHM Spring Afterschool Nature Programs

The Marion Natural History Museum will be starting their spring afterschool nature programs on the following dates;

April 28: Eastern Box Turtles, presented by Brian Butler of Oxbow Associates. Why are these animals called "box" turtles? What do they eat and what do they need to survive? And why are they endangered? Let's learn a little something about our local turtle population and how we can protect them. Brian will be bringing many hands-on items to explore as well as a radio telemetry demonstration, turtle traps and other scientific equipment used to help locate and protect these animals.

May 12: Amazing Arthropods, presented by Blake Dinius of Plymouth County Extension. Insects and spiders make up about 77 percent of all animal species on the planet. Let's take a closer look into our own backyards. We'll find a mysterious world just waiting to be discovered. Want to learn more about insects and the myriad ways that insects impact your life? Come join us on our journey into the wonderful world of Amazing Arthropods!

The rest of our upcoming afterschool programs are available at the museum's website, www.marionmuseum.org. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, these programs are limited in size and masks and social distancing will be required. Please register early to reserve a spot.

Rabies Clinic

A rabies clinic for cats and dogs will be held on Sunday, **April 18** from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Fire Station, which is located at 26 County Road. The fee for the vaccination is $15. Cats must be in carriers and dogs must be leashed. Dog licensing for Mattapoisett residents will be offered. The fees are $12 for intact animals and $9 for those that have been altered. This clinic is open to all regardless of residency. This

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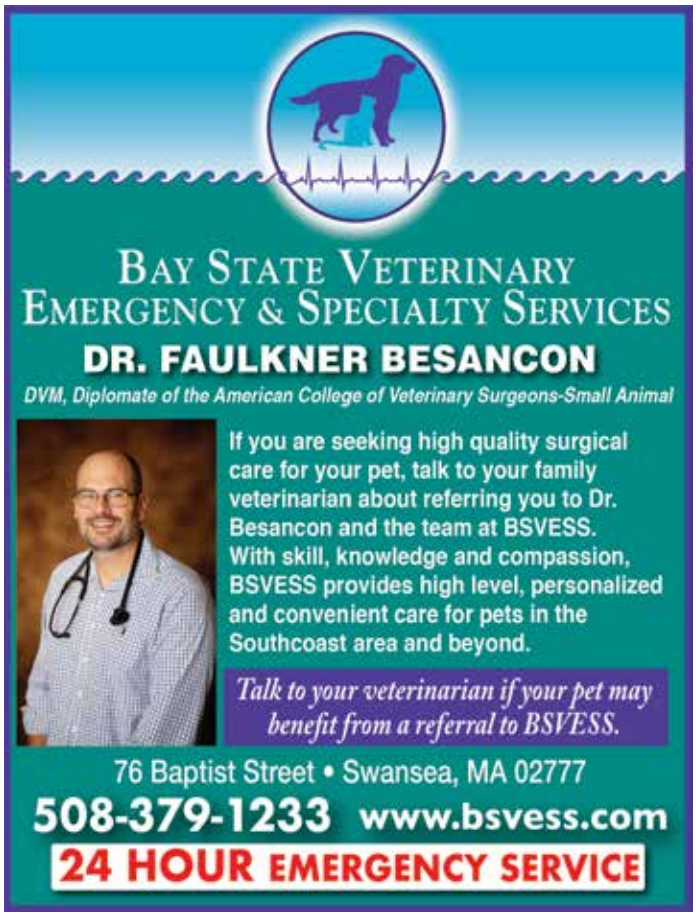

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Town of Mattapoisett is seeking qualified bidders for the construction of a new emergency-vehicle traffic signal along County Road (US Route 6) adjacent to the new Mattapoisett Fire Station, opposite Bay Club Drive, in Mattapoisett, MA. Bidders must be pre-qualified in the applicable category of work per the Massachusetts Department of Transportation per 720 CMR 5.00. All bids must comply in all respects with the instructions, conditions, specifications and other requirements in the Invitation For Bids. Bid documents are available for download on TEC's website at www.theengineeringcorp.com/bids beginning on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 8:00 am. Bids are due on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 by 12:00 pm (noon) at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. Any bid received after this time will be considered late and will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 on the Mattapoisett Town Hall Front Lawn. The bid opening will be conducted in-person only.

Bids must be in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and requirements stipulated by this funding agency. Each bidder must post a Bid Security consisting of a certified check drawn on a national bank or a Bid Bond in the form satisfactory to the Town with a Surety Company qualified to do business in Massachusetts, in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total amount bid for the project, payable to the "Town of Mattapoisett". State minimum prevailing wage rates as determined by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Department of Labor Standards (DLS), under the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D as amended, apply to this project.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. The Town of Mattapoisett is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/MBE Employer. For questions or more information, contact Samuel W. Gregorio at sgregorio@theengineeringcorp.com or 987.794.1792 x 1015. 3/25, 4/1

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Town of Mattapoisett is hereby soliciting sealed bids for Acushnet Road Over Branch of Mattapoisett River Bridge Replacement. Bids will be open at the Office of the Board of Selectmen at the Mattapoisett Town Hall on April 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Bids received after such time will not be accepted. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked in accordance with the Bidding Contract Requirements. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

The work consists of the replacement of the Acushnet Road Bridge over the Branch of the Mattapoisett River, including a precast concrete box culvert, precast approach slabs, installation of guardrail, full depth pavement construction, pavement milling and overlay, spreading loam borrow and seed, pavement markings, temporary traffic control (detour), control of water, replacement of a portion of the water main, and other improvements. This is a re-bid of the 2020 project.

Bid documents may be obtained in electronic format during normal business hours on or after Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the office of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., 181 Ballardvale Street, Suite 202, Wilmington, MA 01887; office phone: (978) 570-2999, or by e-mail (jnoyes@gpinet.com). Due to current COVID restrictions, a hard copy of the plans and specifications will not be available for review.

All bidders must be prequalified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division. 3/25, 4/1

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Special Permit of Papa's Real Estate, LLC for the operation of a propane storage business at Assessors Map 24, Lot 50, 0 Luce Avenue, Marion, MA.

The Marion Board of Selectmen, acting as Special Permit granting authority, will hold a remote public hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4:15 pm via Zoom on the application of Papa's Real Estate, LLC, for a Special Permit under Section 230-8.2(D) of the Code of Marion to allow the operation of a propane storage business in a Limited Industrial Zoning District also in the Water Supply Protection District overlay.

Please contact Debra Paiva at 508-748-3520 or dpaiva@marionma.gov to request access to the public hearing.

Randy L. Parker, Chairman 3/25, 4/1

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1780), submitted by Todd Zell, to develop a 2 lot subdivision, work which includes the construction of a roadway, underground utilities and stormwater management system at County Road, Map #21, Lot #19.

The site is further identified as Lot 19 on Marion Assessors' Map 21. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Shaun P. Walsh, Chair

*Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 4/1

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1781), submitted by Sippican Lands Trust, for proposed placement of boards on existing rocks to allow passage over stream for visitors at Old Indian Trail Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 9 on Marion Assessors' Map 27. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Shaun P. Walsh, Chair

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1782), submitted by Sippican Lands Trust, for proposed rerouting of rail to avoid adjacent private property encroachment at 354 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 17 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Shaun P. Walsh, Chair

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:40 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1783), submitted by Sippican Lands Trust, to repair the damaged stone wall; remove invasive vegetation then proceed with select cutting of bittersweet growing on trees; & annual and select mowing to allow cutback of invasive vegetation and improve success rate of planting native plants across from 173 Front Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 36C on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Shaun P. Walsh, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Application for On Premises, All Alcoholic Beverages License
Stone Rooster Hospitality, dba The Stone Rooster
27 Wareham Street, Marion, MA

The Marion Board of Selectmen, acting as local licensing authority, will hold a remote public hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4:30 pm via Zoom on the application of Stone Rooster Hospitality for an on premises license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

Please contact Debra Paiva at 508-748-3520 or dpaiva@marionma.gov to request access to the public hearing.
Randy L. Parker, Chairman 4/1, 4/8

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm.
NOTE REMOTE MEETING ON 04/15/2021 WILL START AT 6:00 pm**
Case #1466: Petition of: Marc G.J. & Carol D C Lareau, 44 Prospect Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE:44 Prospect Road. The applicant is seeking a Variance under sections 6.5 as provided by Section 7.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a 20x40 In-Ground Pool. The property is further described as Plot 6, Lot 95 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Wednesday, April 15, 2021.

Due to restrictions on public gatherings because of COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely, and members of the public will NOT be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting please use the following log in information.
ZOOM
MEETING ID#---- 941 6370 0107
Dial by your location.
+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.
Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chairperson
Mary Anne Brogan, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia 4/1, 4/8

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Barbara White, 99 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to raze and existing house and build new. The project is located at 99 County Road, and is further identified as Lot 142.0 on Assessor Map 8.0.
**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/1

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT ON PROPOSED DE MINIMIS IMPACT DETERMINATION ON SECTION 4(F) RESOURCES – (Route 6 Herring Run)
PROJECT: 608606 – ADA Retrofits at Various Locations
CITY/TOWN: Mattapoisett
PROPONENT: Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

This notice will initiate review of the above-referenced project pursuant to Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 (23 CFR 774). Information specific to the proposed project and its impacts, avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures may be obtained from:
Mark Kotowski
10 Park Plaza, Room 4260
Boston, MA 02116
Mark.t.kotowski@dot.state.ma.us

The project, as designed, will require a permanent easement within the Town of Mattapoisett's Route 6 Herring Run for the removal of existing HMA sidewalk and concrete sidewalk and replacement with proposed concrete sidewalk, vertical granite curbing, and HMA patching. The property and its usage are held for protection as significant public recreational resources under Section 4(f) of the DOT Act.

This notice is being published in an effort to solicit public comments on the impacts this project will have on the referenced parcel. Given that the nature of impacts are associated with the enhancement of the sidewalk on the perimeter of the parcel, no recreational functions associated with the area will be impaired, as a result of the project.

MassDOT intends to pursue a determination that the proposed use of the temporary pedestrian detours meets the definition of de minimis (or minor) impacts, as specified under 23 CFR 774.17(5). A de minimis finding is being made based on the preliminary assessment that the proposed use of this resource will have no adverse effect on the recreational activities, features or attributes qualifying it for Section 4(f) protection. All persons wishing to comment on the project should write to Mark Kotowski via email at mark.t.kotowski@dot.state.ma.us, referencing the above referenced project within 15 days of this notice. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project-related decisions.
Mark Kotowski
MassDOT Highway Division
Environmental Analyst – MEPA/NEPA Unit 4/1

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 12, 2021 in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Barry Sturgis, 606 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. The proposed project is to upgrade a residential septic system. The project is located at 34 Meadowbrook Lane, and is further identified as Lot 14 on Assessor Map 28 & 29.
**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/1

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:50 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-xxxx) submitted by William E. Weber, Jr. & Elizabeth Weber, for proposed float improvements which consists of removing and replacing the existing float and its bottom anchored chain system and replacing it with a pile held two-float system at 21 East Avenue.
The site is further identified as Lot 69 on Assessors Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Shaun P. Walsh, Chair
*Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 4/1

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 8:00 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-xxxx) submitted by Anne Bramhall, for proposed vegetation improvement including the removal of non-invasive vegetation and selective removal and pruning of trees within the buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 260 Converse Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 31 on Assessors Map 15. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Shaun P. Walsh, Chair
*Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or dhemphill@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 4/1

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 12, 2021 in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by John Cornish, 18 Tupola Lane. The proposed project is to remove an existing wood deck and construct a new deck at the same location. The project is located at 18 Tupola Lane and is further identified as Lot 21 on Assessor Map 7.
**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/1

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LEGAL NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91
Waterways Permit Application Number W20-5865
Town of Mattapoisett
NOTIFICATION DATE: April 1, 2021

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the Town of Mattapoisett to dredge approximately 99 cubic yards of sediment between Long and Homes Wharf, and dispose of the dredged material at an approved town owned site, in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in flowed tidelands of Mattapoisett Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water- dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 15 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of a municipality, any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2873. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T. B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 4/1

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Notice of Intent Application submitted by Robert H. Malm. This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and to perform associated site work including the construction of a driveway, the installation of a septic system and underground utilities together with filling and grading.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 18) and partially within the 100 ft Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The property is located at Aucoot Road which is further identified as Lot #88 on Assessors Map #3.
Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information.

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 12, 2021 in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by New Rustico LLC, Albert J. Meninno Jr., 62 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to move an existing walk-in cooler and build a proposed deck expansion of 15'W x 17'3"L. The project is located at 62 Marion Road, and is further identified as Lot 122 on Assessor Map 5.
**Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/1

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:05 pm via *Zoom to consider the application of Todd Zell, c/o N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, 1 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 for review of a Definitive Plan for a Subdivision The property is located on County Road and identified on Marion Assessors Map 21 Lot 19.
To be held remotely via Zoom:
Meeting ID: 896 0256 1443; Password: 541140
Join the Online Meeting at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89602561443 or
Phone #: 1-646-558-8656

The requested waivers for the Definitive Subdivision are as follows:
Waivers Requested and Allowed per Chapter 300 – Subdivision Regulations
Section 300-3.3 Definitive Plan
D. Development Impact Statement (DIS)
(1) Thru (5) in its entirety (< 20units)
Section 300-4.1. Streets
B. Min. Horizontal centerline radius
100 ft. provided vs. 200 ft. required
Section 300-4.2. Miscellaneous standards
C. 108 ft. Pavement Diameter & 120 ft. Property line diameter required Hammerhead Layout provided
O. C-Line of paved surface shall be coincidental with the C-Line of the right of way
C-Line of paved surface at entrance will be off-center
Q. 4" thick pavement required
Processed gravel surface provided
Section 300-4.6. Stormwater management
D. Design criteria
(2) Location:
(b) [2] Setback from a street line, < 50 ft. 4 ft. + from the proposed street sideline
(6) Above ground basins
(d) Basin sideslopes will be 2':1' with erosion control fabric vs. 3':1'requirment
Section 300-5.5. Curbing:
A. Granite curbing required under following conditions
(1) Grades over 5%
(2) All headers for catch basins
(3) All street intersections on the curve
No granite curbing provided
Section 300-5.6. Drainage facilities:
F. Granite curbing inlets required at all catch basins
No granite curbing provided
William W, Saltonstall Chairman
Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman 4/1, 4/8

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1162

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Laurie Whitney-Lawrence for property located at 0 Mendell Road, identified on Assessor's Map 28, Lot 24A who is seeking a Special Permit to host private functions such as weddings, receptions, showers, memorial services, etc. on the property under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

To join the zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83038558307
Meeting ID: 830 3855 8307
One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923
David Arancio, Chairman 4/1, 4/8

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1163

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Carl & Jennifer Achorn for property located at 0 Snipatuit Road, identified on Assessor's Map 35, Lot 42F, who is seeking a Variance for relief under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1, for the construction of single-family dwelling on an undersized lot (1.35 acres). The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

To join the zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83038558307
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Marion's Annual Scout-led Town Clean-Up is Back

We missed you over this last year, and we are excited to bring Marion back a social-distancing version of our annual community event, Earth Day Trash Bash, for all ages. Streets will be cleaned, and closets cleared as the Marion Cub Scouts Pack 32 and Marion Boy Scouts Troop 32 join forces with GiftstoGive and the Marion Department of Public Works for a spring cleaning. Please join us when we rally at Washburn Park on Saturday, **April 10**, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. (Rain date is April 11 at the same time) Participants will be given trash bags, recycling bags, gloves, and be provided with a yellow vest. Assignments will be handed out and participants will clear the trash and other debris left in winter's wake and COVID-19's clutches.

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MLT Forest Regeneration to Begin

Mattapoisett Land Trust's 2018 Forest Management Plan recommended the removal of invasive plants and poor quality trees in a 2-acre parcel north of Route 6, and just west of the Quaker Meeting House in Mattapoisett. These steps will allow regrowth of a young forest free of invasive plants. The necessary clearing work began on March 29 and should be completed by **April 15**.

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Sippican Historical Society

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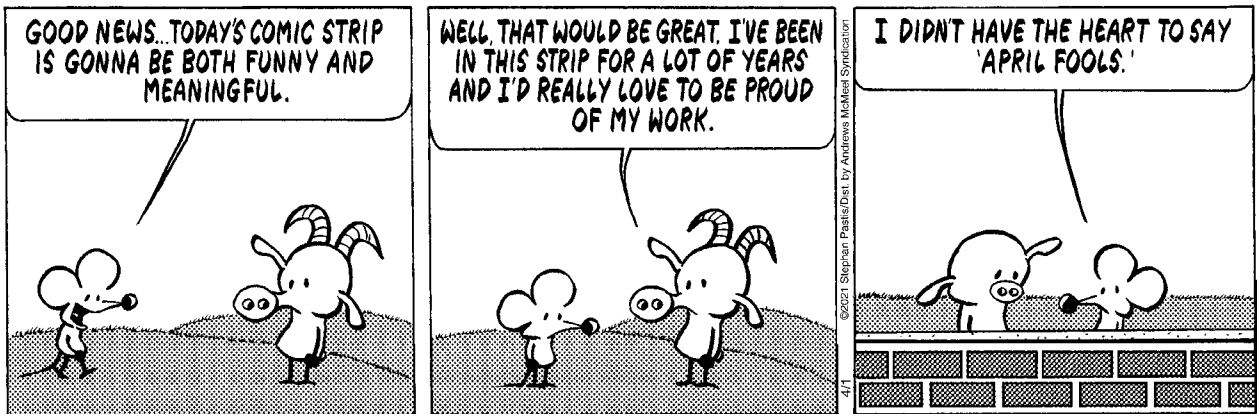
by Stephan Pastis



its unique historical architecture.

The "Old Parsonage" at 113 Front Street was built in 1813 by Captain John Pitcher, brother of Elizabeth Pitcher Taber. The side of the building that faces Front Street is actually the back of the original dwelling, which until recently served as St. Rita Church's rectory. Across the street from Capt. Pitcher's home was a large pasture where his sheep and cows grazed. He used to hang a ship's bell from the branch of an oak tree and ring it every evening at 9:00 pm as a curfew bell. The bell is now located in the Marion Natural History Museum. When Capt. Pitcher died, he left his house to the Congregational Church, which used it as a parsonage for many years.

Marion Annual Town Meeting

The Marion Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, **May 10**, at Sippican School beginning at 6:45 pm. Due to the continued COVID-19 social distancing requirements and recommendations, we will be asking

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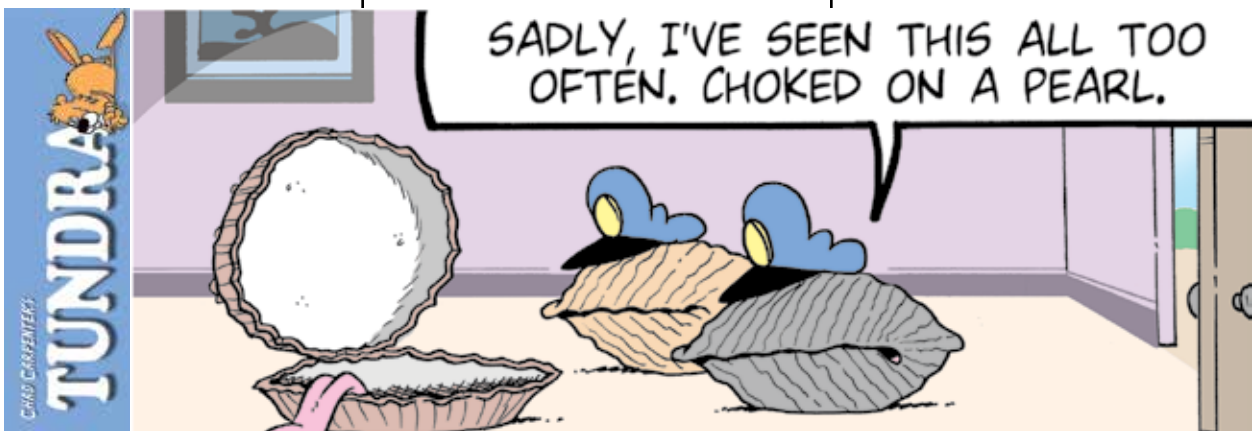
Amanda Eldridge	April 1
Mildred Souza	April 1
Hazel Kakley	April 2
Mary Duff	April 2
Sam Dorothy	April 2
Timothy Dunn	April 2
Carrie Tucker	April 3
Christian Bertram	April 3
Erica Pavao	April 3
Katie Nilson	April 3
Monte Albalos	April 3
Charlie Vosseler	April 4
Thomas Kozlowski	April 4
Matt Jones	April 5
Cristina Noel-Motta	April 6
Kristen Bissonnette	April 6
Kristen Messina	April 6
Makenzie Despres	April 6
Mike Rosa	April 6
Scott C. Day	April 6
Shelby Moniz	April 6
Brandon Silva	April 7
Sharon Newcomb	April 7
Warren Gibbons	April 7

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



that anyone wishing to attend the meeting contact the Town Clerk's Office to make a reservation. You may do this by email (lmagauran@marionma.gov) or phone call 508-748-3502.

The current plan is to have the main auditorium for the Board of Selectmen, town administrator, finance director, town clerk, and anyone who is vaccinated, as the chairs will be placed 3 feet apart. For people who are NOT vaccinated, or don't feel comfortable being that close together, the Library, Band Room, and Cafeteria will be available with chairs placed 6 feet apart for social distancing.

Please let us know how many will be attending in your party and which room you would prefer. We ask that you leave an email or phone number in case we need to contact you.

Tissue Paper Pompoms

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is providing another 'Take & Make Adult DIY Craft Kit': tissue paper pompoms. In this simple but cheerful project, you'll learn to make large decorative tissue paper pompoms by going to a great recent database we have called Creativebug. We provide all the necessary supplies, including a transcription of the instructions. Paper pompoms bring a colorful and textured floral touch to any celebration, especially weddings and parties, or just hang them in your house or patio to remind you spring is coming!

Go to mattapoisettlibrary.org, click on eContent, and then choose Creativebug. Create an account with your Mattapoisett Library barcode. You can then access the instructions by searching for "tissue paper pompoms" or going to www.creativebug.com/classseries/single/make-tissue-paper-pompoms.

Instructor Courtney demonstrates how to create a gorgeous, oversized pompom from tissue paper, and also gives ideas for customizing color, shape, and size. Kits are available starting April 1 until they are gone. Then check out all the other great crafts available on the site!

Registration is required as the number of kits are limited. You can sign up via our Calendar of Events on our website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, or via an email to rsmith@sailsinc.org. Call the library if you have any questions at 508-758-4171 or email to rsmith@sailsinc.org.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Captain Judah Hathaway, born in 1832, began his maritime career in 1849 at the age of 17. He shipped aboard the whaler *Hickley* under Captain Alan Besse. They sailed around Cape Horn and were at sea for four years. Having worked his way up to first mate, he sailed from Marion on the schooner *Admiral Blake*.

During the Civil War, New England whaleships and schooners were at the mercy of the Confederate

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Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. The favor requested will be granted. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted. Don't mention the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. E.G.

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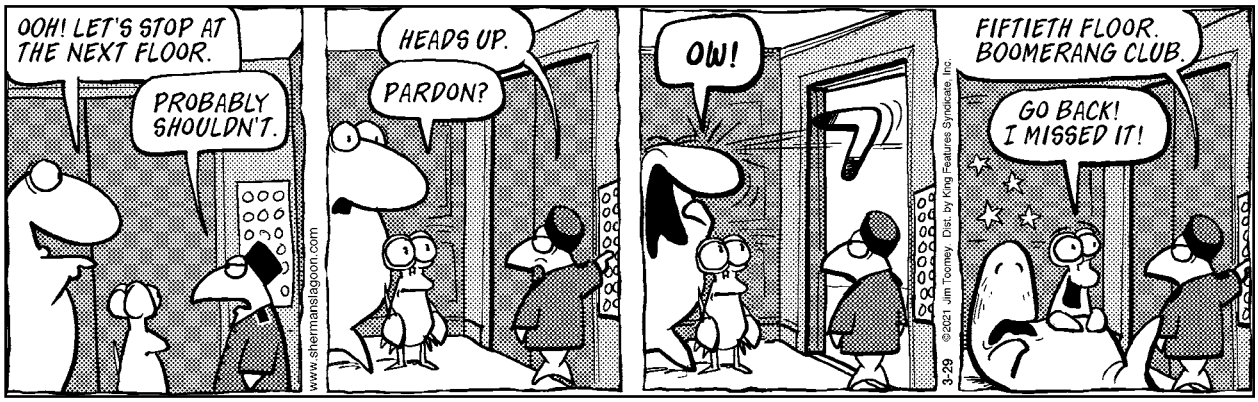
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



Navy when sailing in southern waters. The *Alamaha*, out of Marion, commanded by Captain Gray, with Captain Hathaway as first mate, was taken captive by the Confederate ship *Alabama*. The ship was burned, and those onboard were sent in chains to Fayal in the Azores. Hathaway shipped out once more. This time, as Captain of the *William Wilson* in 1867. However, the next year he retired from the sea and began a second career as a miller at the perennial mill site downstream from the Eastover Farm area, the current location of The Pines at Hathaway Pond. He also partnered with Isaac Hiller, Hathaway's daughter's husband, and Robert Hiller to turn cutover swamp land into cranberry bogs. Hathaway lived out his years in his home at 56 Marion Road.

Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair

Barbara Acksen, chair of the Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair, on behalf of the Fairhaven Improvement Association, sponsor of the event, has announced that the fair will be postponed until June 25, 2022. She noted that the wellbeing of the general public, our vendors, and our town employees remains our number one priority.

Despite the gradual reopening of the state, health advisories indicate that the public would still not be safe at a large-scale event such as this. Street festivals are currently prohibited, and no significant change in this prohibition is indicated in the near future. We therefore believe that postponement is the responsible course of action.

The Homecoming Day Fair has been Fairhaven's largest and most popular event for many years. Thousands of people of all ages come together to enjoy our 175 booths of artisans and craftsmen from all over New England, live entertainment, art show, children's activities, fire engine, and great food.

We look forward to next year when we can all come together again and share the special connections and fun that the fair has brought for years to people of all ages.

Our committee is already at work planning for different requirements that may be needed for the fair to take place next year. We look forward to welcoming the public then.

For future information about rescheduled event please email fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com or visit www.fairhavenimprovement.org or, on Facebook, FairhavenImprovementAssociation.

Annual Census and Dog License Reminder

The annual census forms for the Town of Mattapoisett were mailed out in January. If you have not returned your form yet, please do so as soon as possible. Failure to respond to the census may cause you to be made an inactive voter. Please note that the annual town census is separate from the federal census, which you may have completed recently.

Included with the census form was a dog licensing reminder. If you have not licensed your dog for 2021, please take care of that soon. A late fee of $10 each will start on **June 1**. Payments may be made online through the Town website, by mail, through the drop box at the entrance to Town Hall, or in person. For any questions regarding the census or dog licensing, please call 508-758-4100 x2.

Real Estate Transactions

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Gibbons, Curtis R Noyer, Jennifer	Connet Woods LLC Noyer, Robert F Jr	73 Box Turtle Dr 9 Fairview Dr	Rochester Mattapoisett	03/10/2021 03/11/2021	600,775.00 270,000.00
Ciancarelli, Edward	Noyer, Peter R Magee, Mary F				
Hoye, David M	Carrier-trial, Michelle TR Neds Bell Nominee Trust	12 Island St	Mattapoisett	03/12/2021	331,000.00
United States Bank NA TR Truman 2016 Sc6 TT	Beatriz, Francis C By Mtge Beatriz, Betsey By Mtge	5 Martin Ave	Mattapoisett	03/12/2021	370,000.00
Callina, Joseph Albert Callina, Kristina Lauren	Converse Road NT Gandolfi, Joel M TR Gandolfi, Donna J TR	69 Converse Rd	Marion	03/15/2021	499,800.00
Bradford Bog LLC	Porter Bog Co Inc	0 Hiller Rd	Rochester	03/15/2021	1,100,000.00
Wst Residence RT Tibbetts, Richard B TR	Bay Club RE Holdings	High Ridge Dr Lot 23	Mattapoisett	03/16/2021	335,000.00

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	April 1	11:41		5:09	5:02
Friday	April 2	12:09	12:38	6:02	5:50
Saturday	April 3	1:08	1:38	7:13	6:48
Sunday	April 4	2:10	2:40	9:22	8:12
Monday	April 5	3:14	3:45	10:40	10:36
Tuesday	April 6	4:23	4:52	11:36	11:41
Wednesday	April 7	5:30	5:54		12:18
Thursday	April 8	6:25	6:46	12:27	12:49
Friday	April 9	7:12	7:31	1:02	1:11
Saturday	April 10	7:53	8:11	1:33	1:32
Sunday	April 11	8:32	8:49	2:06	1:59
Monday	April 12	9:08	9:24	2:41	2:31
Tuesday	April 13	9:44	9:57	3:17	3:06
Wednesday	April 14	10:20	10:30	3:53	3:41
Thursday	April 15	10:57	11:04	4:28	4:17
Friday	April 16	11:37	11:41	5:03	4:53
Saturday	April 17		12:20	5:39	5:31
Sunday	April 18	12:25	1:08	6:21	6:16

Phases of the Moon		
	Last Quarter	April 4th
	New Moon	April 12th
	First Quarter	April 20th
	Full Moon	April 27th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the March 25, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 37!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

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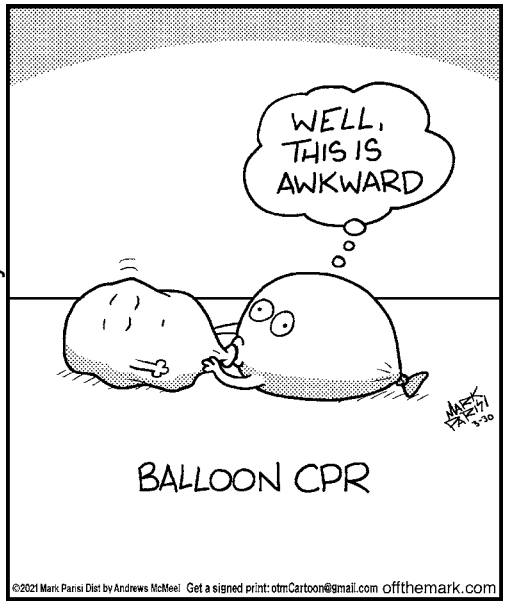

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6-8 oz. Selected Bars, Cuts, Slices, or Shredded
Cabot Cheese ..... 2/$6

5.3 oz. Selected
Chobani Greek Yogurt ..... 4/$5

Fresh, Store Made
Garlic Bread ..... $2.99 ea.

Fresh Baked
24 oz. 8 Inch
Strawberry Rhubarb Pie
$4.99

Wine & Beer

All Beer is Plus Deposit

FANTASTIC SPRING WINES!

750 ml Washington, Pinot Noir
Cloudline $17.99
Regular Price: $19.99

750 ml California Cabernet Sauvignon
Bogle $12.99

750 ml New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc
Clifford Bay $10.99

We have an awesome selection of fresh, cold Craft Beer from...
• Buzzard's Bay • Mayflower
• Bissell Brothers • Lawson's
• Lord Hobo • Wormtown • & many more!

12 oz. Cans/Bottles, 30 Pack
Coors Light $27.99

12 oz. Selected, 12 Pack
Samuel Adams $17.99

12 oz. Selected, 12 Pack
Sierra Nevada $19.40

12 oz. Cans, 18 Pack
Pabst Blue Ribbon . $17.99

Cheese & Spreads

16 oz. Log, Sliced
BelGioioso Mozzarella Cheese .. $5.99

8 oz. Selected
Cedar's Hommus ..... 2/$5

We also carry a great selection of
Ready to Drink Cocktails & Seltzers
• White Claw • Truly • Cutawater • Fisher's Island • High Noon • & more!

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!

Check our new selections of
Local & Craft Beer, Cider & Wine!

Safety Guidelines
- Face covering required at all times in the store
- Limit trips (buy more at once)
- Only 1 shopper per household when possible
- Keep a safe social distance

Friends Market at Plumb Corner was Voted #1 for Deli & Garden Center/ Nursery for 2020!

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565 Rounseville Rd.
Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

Hot Soups Available Daily! Ask at the Deli.

Friends' marketplace

We now offer curbside pickup! Please call the store for details.

Open at 7am daily! | at PLUMB CORNER | Open Daily: 7am–8pm

We reserve the right to limit quantities & correct typographical errors. Illustrations are for design purposes only. Items are while supplies last and no rain checks. Due to current market conditions, item retails may change and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, April 2 Thursday, April 8, 2021

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Friends'
Premium Black Angus Boneless Top Sirloin
Spoon Roast
$6.99 lb.

Friends'
Store Baked
Turkey
$7.99 lb.

Dunkin'
12 oz. Selected
Coffee
$6.99

Gifford's
32 oz. Selected Frozen Yogurt or
Ice Cream
$4.49

Bud Light
12 oz. Cans/Bottles
30 Pack
$27.99

Crossbarn
750 ml California Chardonnay
Wine
$16.99
Reg. Price: $19.99

Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Friends'
Premium Black Angus Store Ground
Chuck
$5.49 lb.

Boar's Head
American Cheese..... $5.99 lb.

Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken..... $8.99 ea.

Triple M
Half, Spiral Sliced or Skinless & Shankless Budaball
Ham
$3.99 lb.

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